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1,703 Campus Students
12,942 Total Students
Student - Teacher Ratio 15:1
Colors: Green & Gold
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Reflecting the past

Saint Leo University has a rich history of excellence which is one of the qualitie that makes this small, private Catholic university unique. Students are required to tak the SLU 100 course to learn about college success strategies and to focus on the school' history and the six core values which detail the high expectations the school has for its college students. These core values shape students' lives and, as the Saint Leo motto goes, "you'll love the person you become here."

Recently, Saint Leo University has undergone some transformations in the look of its campus with new buildings and updated facilities, as was highlighted in the 200 yearbook.

Visualizing
the present

As a yearbook staff, we decided that this year's book should reflect on Saint Leo's historic past, while visually displaying Saint Leo's present. The events and ideas from the past can be used to influence and shape the present, and we believe that Saint Leo's rich history was an important factor in determining what Saint Leo is today. We hope you enjoy Saint Leo University's 2008-2009 Golden Legend Yearbook as we are Reflecting the Past, Visualizing the Future.

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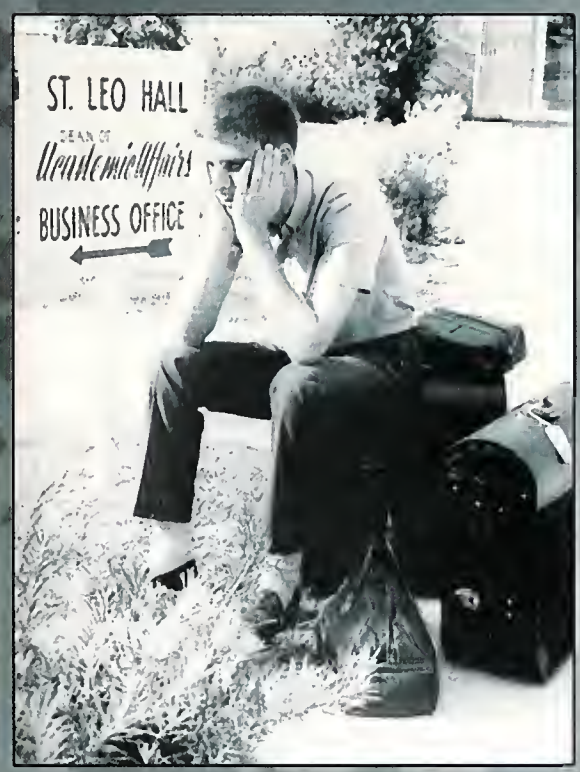

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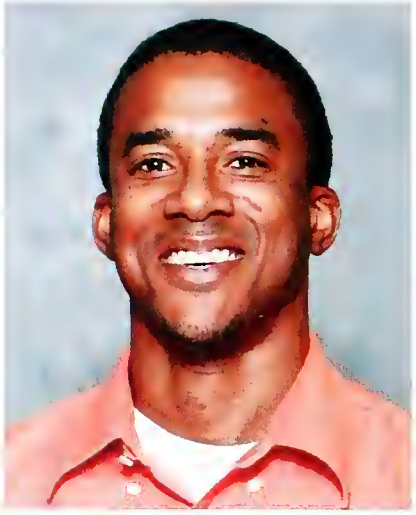

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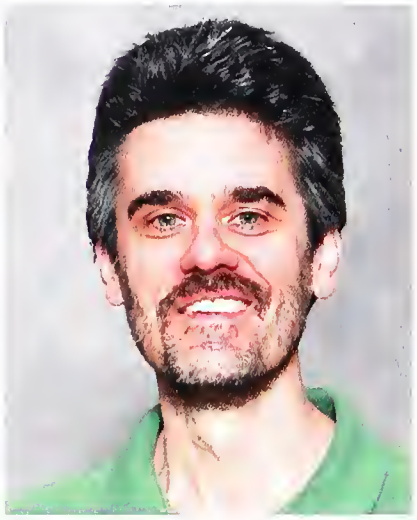

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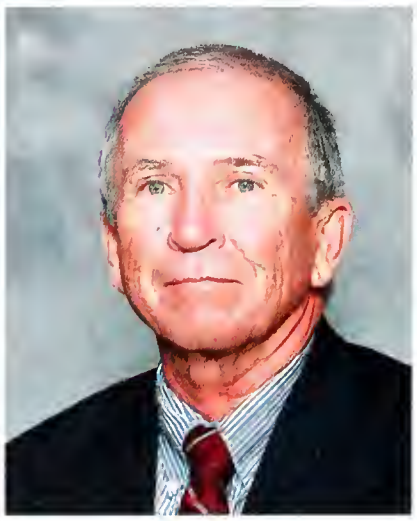

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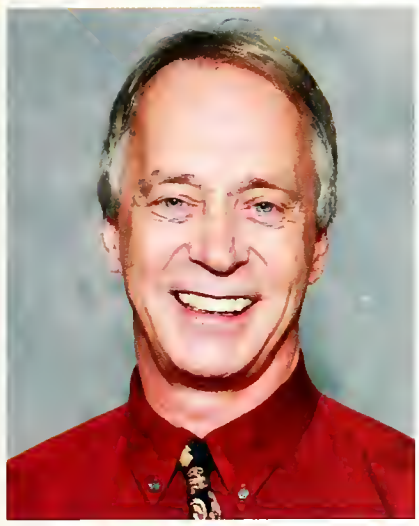

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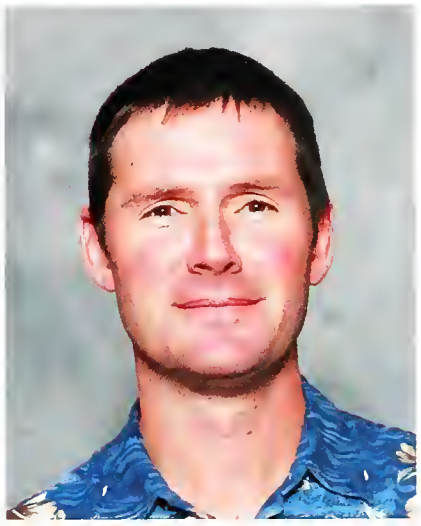

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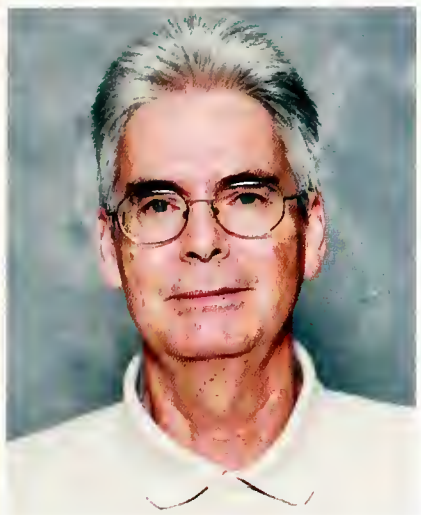

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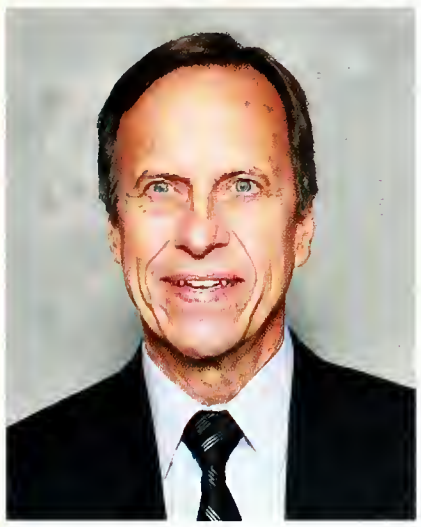

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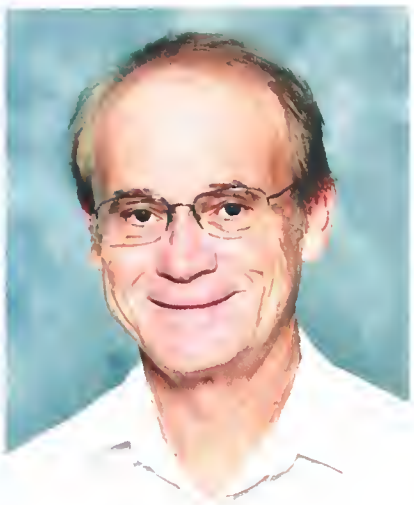

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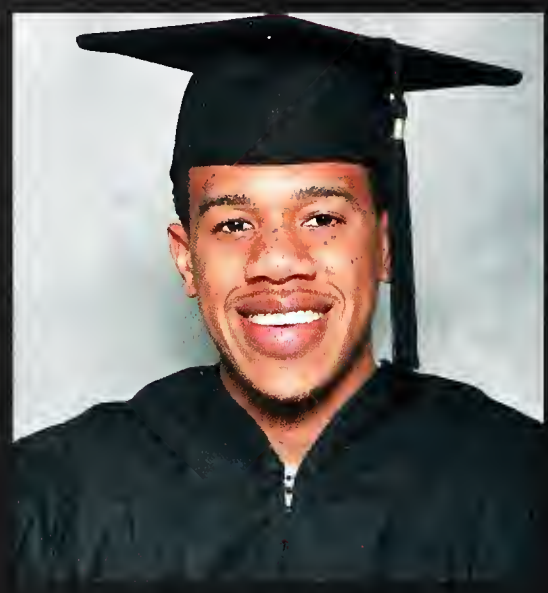

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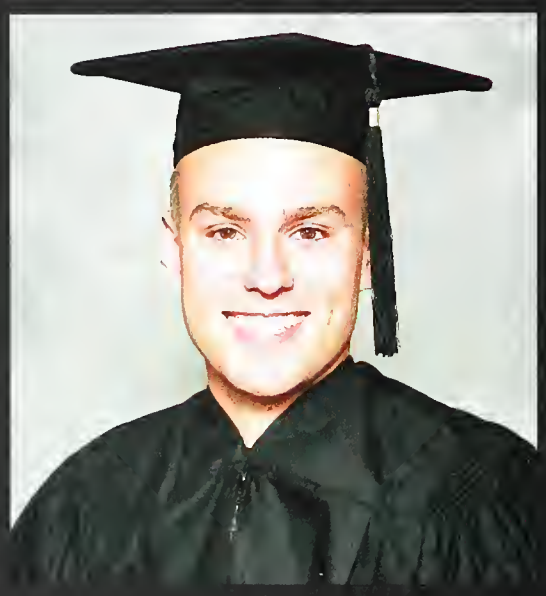

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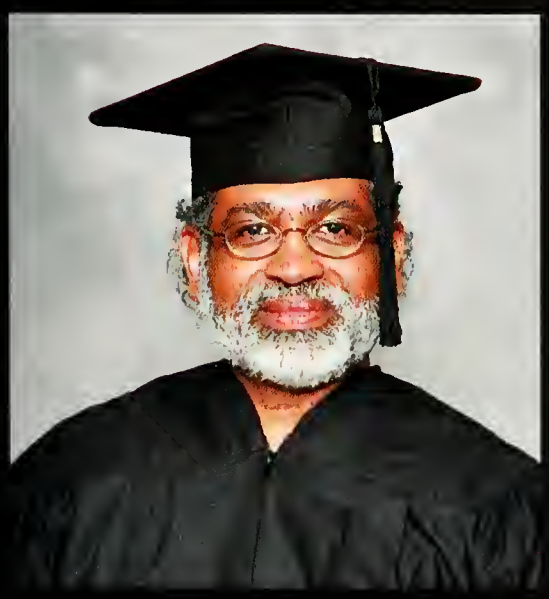

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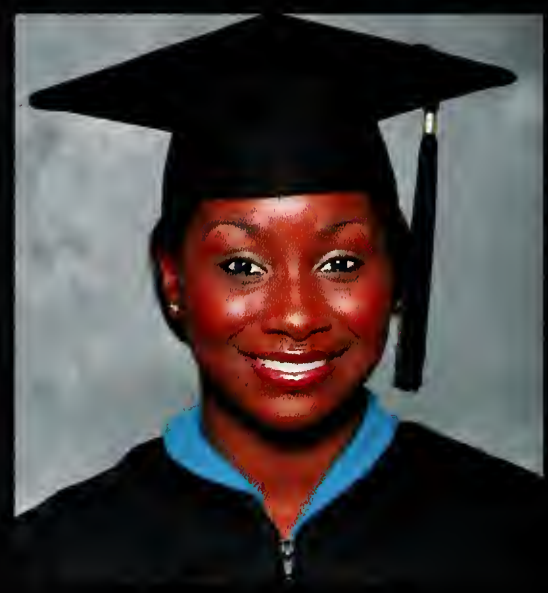

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Freshmen

(Left) The Freshmen Class of 1971 take the all too familiar path to the main campus area.(Right) Freshmen of '74 pose by the former U.S. Post Office, now the home of University Technology Services (UTS).

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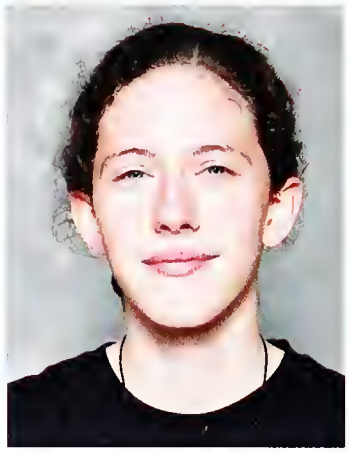

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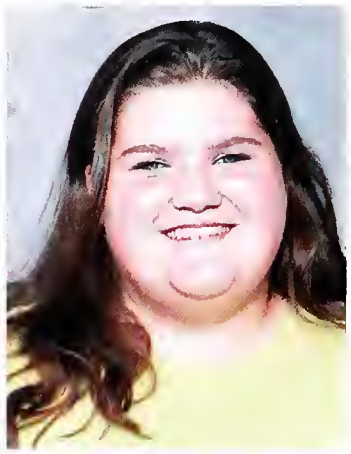

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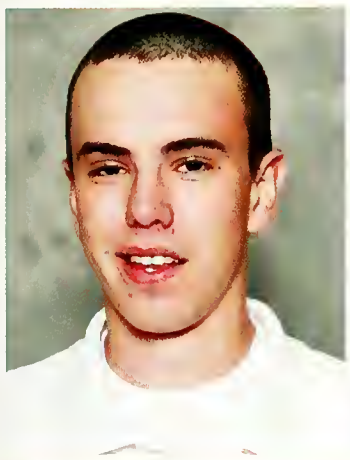

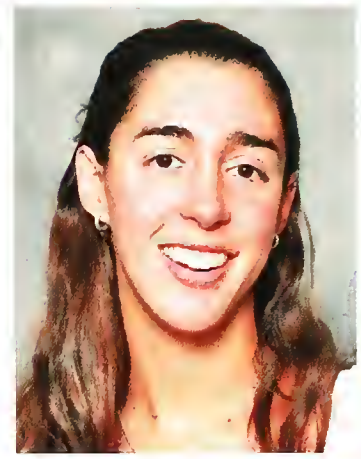

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Favorite Movies of 2008

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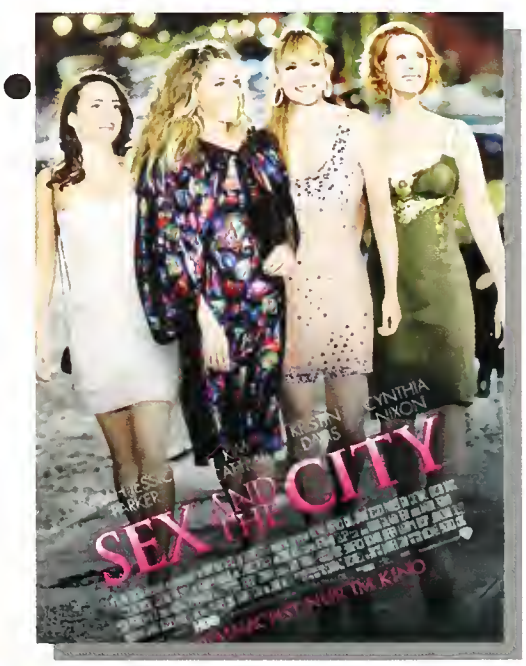
3.



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Favorite Places to Eat Around Campus

1. Applebee's
2. Chili's
3. Pancho's

Favorite Places to Go Around Campus

1. Wiregrass
2. The Groves
3. Ralph's
4. Wal-Mart
5. Ybor

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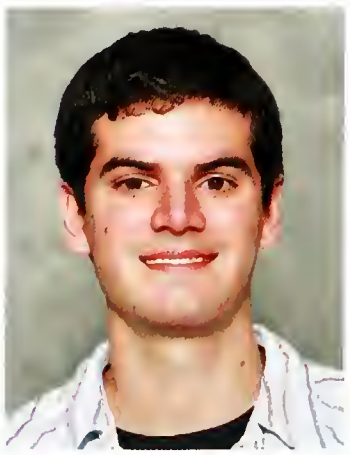


Most Popular Majors at Saint Leo University

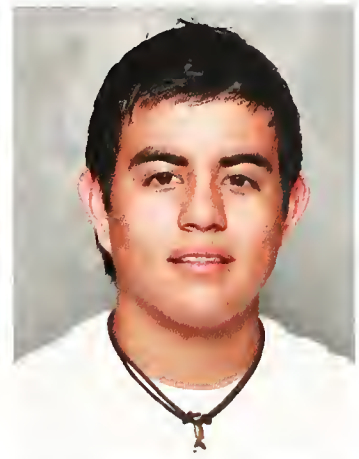
1. Biology
2. Psychology
3. **Business Marketing**
4. English
5. Elementary Education

Students at Saint Leo who are taking a minor

55% - No
45% - Yes

How many credits do students at SLU take?

44% - 15
19% - 18
9% - 12
28% - Other



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Favorite Albums of 2008

T.I.
Paper Trail

Metallica
Death Magnetic

Gym Class Heroes
The Quilt

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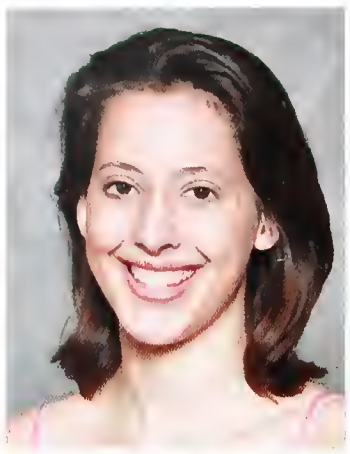

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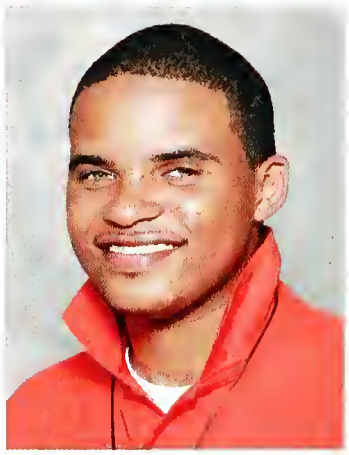

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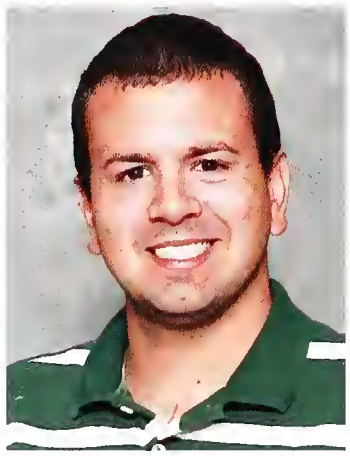

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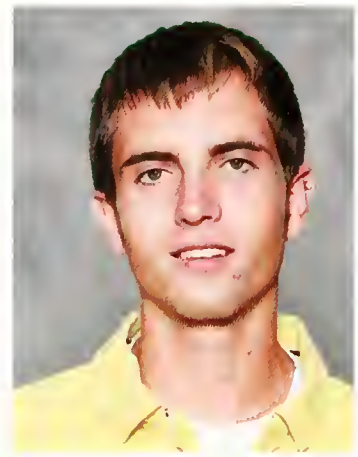

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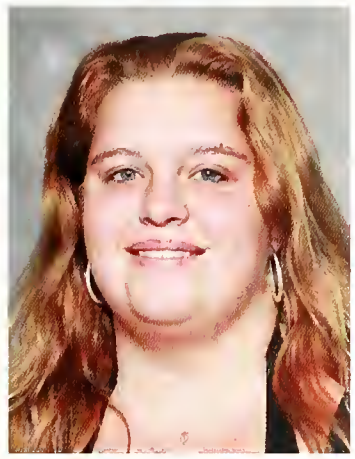

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New York
Orlando

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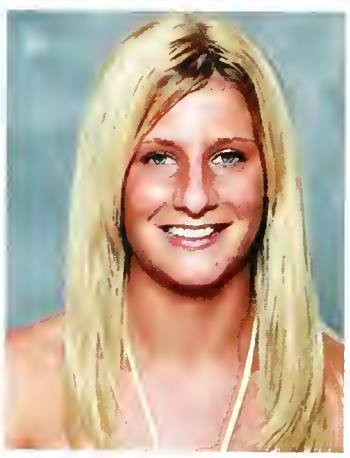

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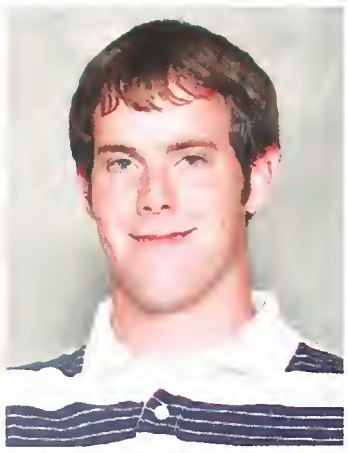

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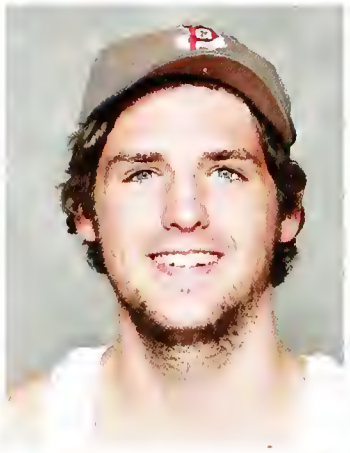

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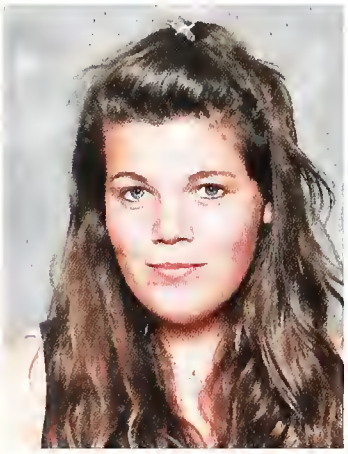

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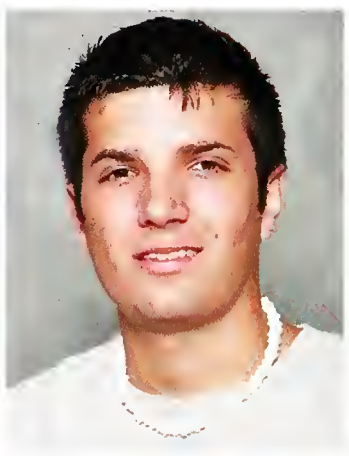

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Where's the BEST place to visit during spring break?

Back Home
Mexico
Miami
California
Europe

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Home away from home

Dorm life in the late 70's
Photos from Golden Legend archives.

Roderick Hall in 1959.

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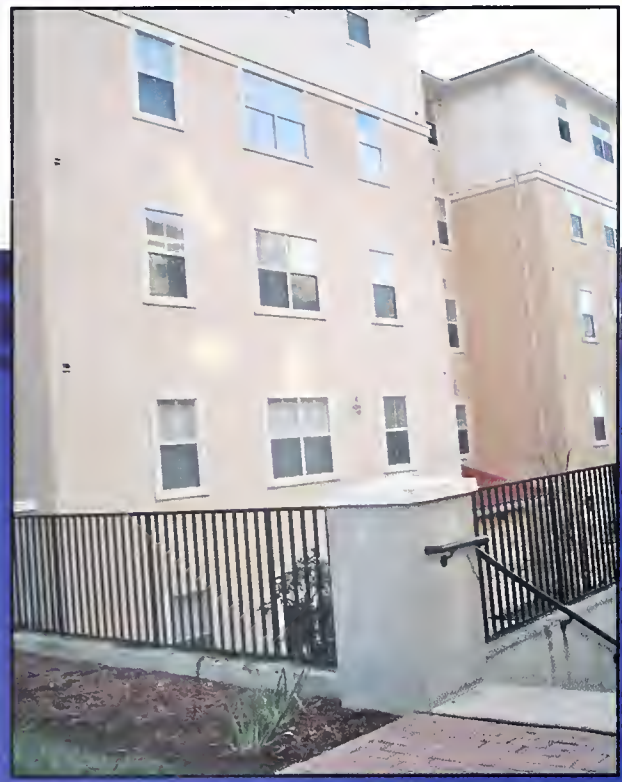


Apartments 1 & 2

Apartments one, two, three, and four provide stylish living quarters for upperclassman and a great start to apartment life. They themselves are located on Lake Jovita which makes for an excellent view. The apartments truly are the most sought after housing option on the Saint Leo University campus.

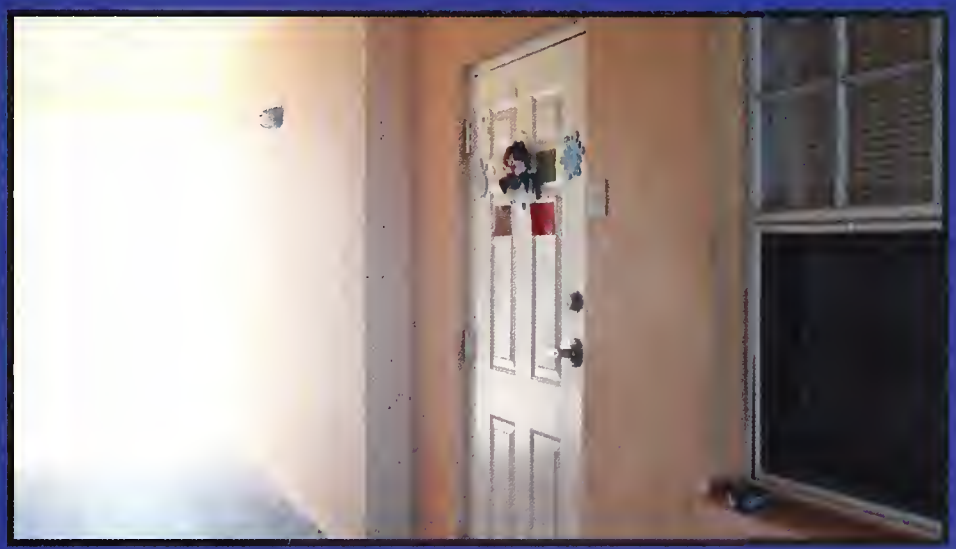
Apartments 3 & 4

Alumni

Alumni is a standard double occupancy room providing the options of a microfridge and private bathroom. This facility is located in the center of campus which allows convenient access to the majority of the University.

Roderick

Roderick is primarily for upperclassman looking to have apartment style living without a kitchen. Students are provided with their own room and refrigerator along with a common area that is shared with three other students.



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Benoit gives freshman girls a great start. It is on the main campus and students are able to get to their classes as well as to the dining hall easily when they live here.

Benoit

Henderson

Henderson has been around just as long as Benoit and it is a freshman boys residence hall. It is right next to the softball field and an easy distance from everything. It gives freshman a good beginning to living on campus.

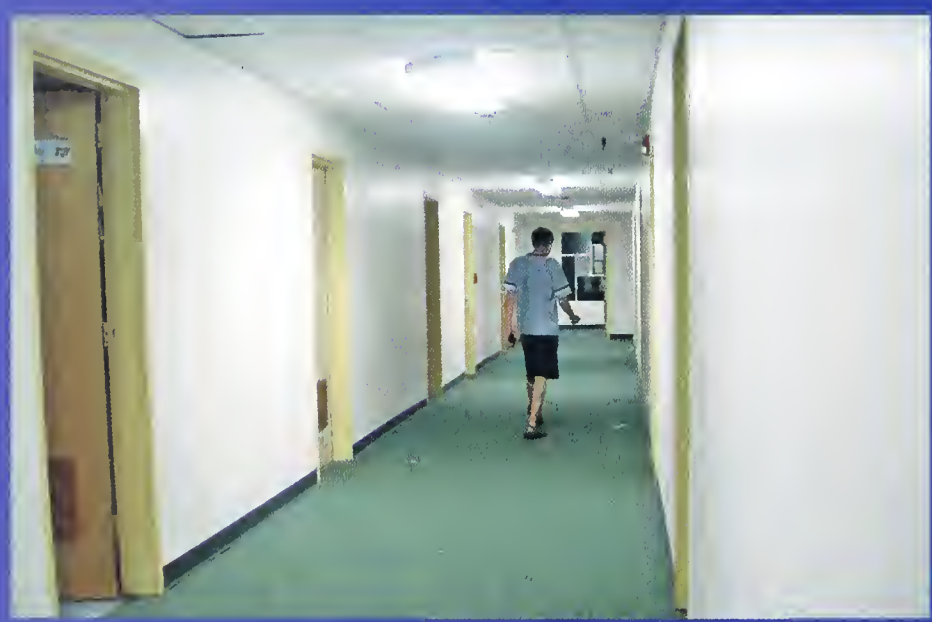
Benoit and Henderson sit on the outside edges of a sand volleyball court which provides lots of fun for students.

The south entrance of Henderson faces the parking lot and it is not an entrance.

Most students in Henderson have ping-pong tournaments. The students have a great time playing the game and it gives them a chance to meet everyone in their building.

Marmion

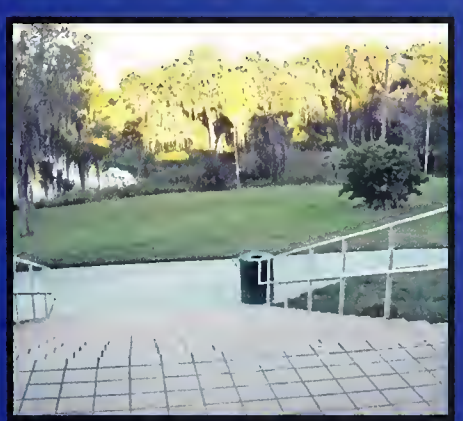
Marmion is a freshman residence hall for the boys that sits across campus near the Abbey. It is where most freshman boys live and where great friendships are made.



Most students spend most of their time in the Lion's Den. It is a great place to hang out with fellow students. In addition, with the ping-pong tables there, various activities take place in the den.

Snyder

Snyder is the girls freshman residence hall that is connected to Marmion by a common area and it is where most freshman live on campus. The girls of Snyder are just starting college and many make friendships here that will last a lifetime.



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The Villa

The Villa was just added this year as a housing option and it is a female freshman residence hall. It is located across the street from Marmion and Snyder and provides community living with the option of a common kitchen and living area.

The RAs

Your Resident Assistants are: Shari Oliver, Chris McCaffrey, Meghan McComesky, Melissa Guerero, Mario Jones, Cordyann Dillon, Ben Montalto, Alicia Smith, Mylia Hanks, Matt Cornuet, Andero Astwood, James Cummings, Lizzie Seedhouse, Norlan Saballos, Alicia Fasano, Kristi Maddigan, DeVaughn King, Curtis Beckles, Katya Pogrebnaya, Jessica O'Keefe, Jennifer Duffey, Chelsea Shoemaker, Shaji Varughese, Andrew VanGuilder, Cody Parks, Leo Nogueira, Vernon Davis, Billy Ash, Davion Cooper, Ian DiMitri, Sarah Folsom, Chris Bedell, Ashley Montanaro, Daniel Izquierdo, Amanda Laffin, Melissa Arend, Kristen Preseault, Kayla Fernandez, Sarah Shirina, Cedricka Carver, Ellen Ahlers, Alessandra Ramos, Mike McHugh, Lysandra Estima, Andre Curry, Nicholas Bliesner, Kevin Little

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Lions

Champions

A lovely line-up in 1959.
Photos from Golden Legend archives

Saint Leo's very own football team many years ago!

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Sports

Baseball

The 2009 Saint Leo University Baseball Team

Senior shortstop Bobby Munoz shows off his glove work (above) and his hitting ability (below).

The Saint Leo University baseball team started the season ranked seventh in the Sunshine State Conference pre-season poll. They return seven starters for the 2009 season, including All-Conference and All-Region infielder Jonathan Duncan, outfielder Kyle Hobbs, and shortstop Bobby Munoz. The Lions get a new head coach this season with Coach Russ McNickle transfering over from conference rival Florida Southern. While the competition will be tough, especially in the conference, the Lions hope to be successful and win the SSC conference championship.

Above: Senior Kyle Hobbs sprints towards second base and beats the throw by the catcher.
Left: Senior Dale Slimick hustles to scoop up a line drive before throwing it to second base.

Above: The team huddles for a prayer before the start of their doubleheader.
Right: Senior Jonathan Duncan prepares for a possible upcoming hit.
Far Right: Sophomore pitcher Stephen Daneman hurls a curve ball towards the opposing batter that results in a strike.

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Women's Basketball

Back Row (Left to Right) - Assistant Coach Warren Jones, Melissa Guerero, Natalie Gaudreau. Marquita Fenn, Sabrina Schmitt, Dominique Daniels, Nichole Tyler, Lauren Lee, Assistant Coach Stuart Hart
Front Row (Left to Right) - Head Coach Chanita Olds, Whitley Washington, Joanna Bussa, Kiara Bradley, Monique Reynard, Sierra Williams, Brianna Lollis, Student Manager Camia Berry

The Coaches

Coach Chanita Olds was a member of the team that posted the best winning record in the history of the Saint Leo Women's Basketball program. Now as she enters her 4th year as the Head Coach she has made it this year's goal to shatter that record.

The Lions would like to welcome two new Assistant Coaches this year. Coach Warren Jones who is a coach from Wesley Chapel High School and Coach Stuart Hart, a Certified Personal Trainer, will act as the Strength & Conditioning Coach.

From November on through to the new year of 2009, thirteen talented young women started off the season right with six consecutive wins. Under the leadership of Coach Chanita Olds, the Saint Leo University women hope to accomplish a successful season with a strong finish.

Right: Junior Monique Reynard gets in the way of a Eckerd College Triton keeping her distracted while team mates hustle down the court to help her get the ball back

Above: Saint Leo University's women's basketball team huddle up and raise their arms for a cheer before the start of second half.
Right: Senior Saint Leo forward Nichole Tyler (23) spots up and shoots a three pointer over the outstretched fingers of the defender.

Boom goes the dynamite!

Stars on the Rise

Junior Dominique Daniels on a fast break to the net

Senior Nichole Tyler takes it to the hoop for a quick lay up

Senior Melissa Guerero steals the ball from a group of Tritons and looks for someone to pass to

Junior Sierra Williams attempts to block one of the offensive players from passing

Sophomore Whitley Washington runs down the court in control of the ball

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Men's Basketball

Schedule

89-72 W
75-59 W
84-70 W
62-72 L
60-76 L
61-67 L
59-62 L
93-84 W
67-92 L
74-62 W
71-63 W
81-97 L
72-71 W (OT)
83-93 L
76-79 L
80-91 L
52-70 L
79-67 W
77-72 W
72-66 W
87-83 W
67-54 W
67-75 L
84-65 W

Back Row (Left to Right) - Assistant Coach Luke Runka, Jamal Thompson, Walter Perkins, Eric Sharper, Kyle Rowland, Jordan Prais, Saladeem Dewberry, Brandon Powell, Assistant Coach Fred Lewis
Front Row (Left to Right) - Assistant Coach Poncho Broner, Tim Plumadore, Matt Salay, Anthony Gomez, Quentin Cullop, Josue Vazquez, Thomas Kaiser, Head Coach Mike Madagan

The Saint Leo University Men's Basketball team has performed solidly through the first week of February. The Lions have a 13-11 overall record (6-5 conference) and have won six of their last seven games. The team is led by Senior Kyle Rowland and Juniors Jordan Prais and Quentin Cullop. Prais had starred for this team nearly averaging a double-double and earning two SSC conference player of the week honors. Rowland reached a milestone this season by becoming Saint Leo's all-time leader in blocked shots. With the heart of this team and the roll they have been on lately, the men's basketball time should go deep into the SSC playoffs.

ophomore Matthew alay (24) drives past defender and into he paint.

Junior Josue Vazquez (1) is uncontested as he slams this two-handed highlight.

Sophomore Anthony Gomez (4) fakes his defender left before dribbling the opposite direction.

Junior Jordan Prais (20) pushing his way through a defender before finishing at the basket.

Junior Quentin Cullop (22) gallops down court on a fast break.

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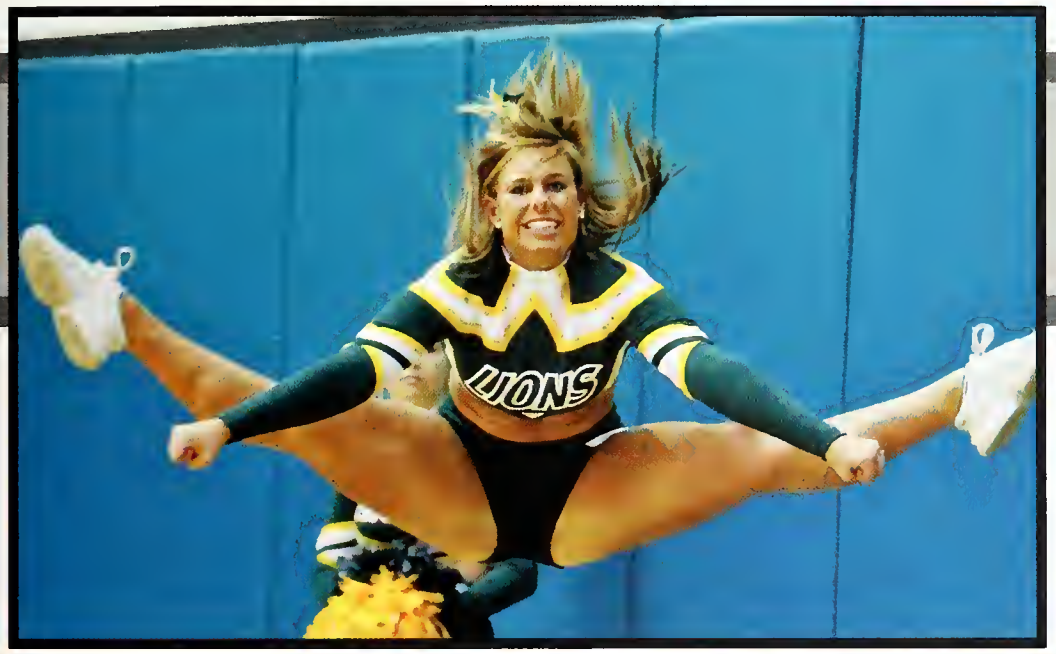
Here we go Lions, Here we go!

Above: The cheerleading squad synchronizes mid-air splits during their half-time routine at a Saint Leo University basketball game.

Right: The cheerleaders lead the crowd in a cheer of "Take that ball away" during a defensive position for women's basketball team.

Cheerleading



A cheerleader shows her amazing leaping ability and performs a split mid-air.

Above: Coach Emi Young instructs the squad on how to conduct the next cheer.

The Saint Leo University cheerleading squad is the support behind our men and women's sport teams. Always there to cheer on our Lions, they give them energy when they are down and keep it up when the Lions are winning. The cheerleading squad is led by coach Emi Young and provides excitement and entertainment to the attending crowd. These girls take pride in our school and athletics, and when their help is needed, they are always there to "Bring it on."

Below: The cheerleaders respond with excitement to a basket scored by the men's basketball team.

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Women's Cross Country

Mindy Pierce

Heather Laws

Julie Carusone

Left to Right - Heather Laws, Mindy Pierce, Alison Luthman, Julie Carusone, Kelsey Bradley, Dana Graham

SLU runner keeps a steady pace.

The Saint Leo Cross Country Team show that there is no "I" in "Team," as they race to the finish line unified.

Men's Cross Country

Back Row (Left to Right) - Mike Berry, Matt Attal. Travis VanBuren, Carson Holton, David Mitchell
Front Row (Left to Right) - Matt Crosta, Chris Tamez, Javier Bueziville, Drew Bonnenberg

Javier Beuzeville, finished in eighth place at the SSC Championships.

Saint Leo men and women competed in the Sunshine State Conferance Championship, finishing in fifth and sixth place respectively.

Matt Attal & Mike Berry

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Women's Golf

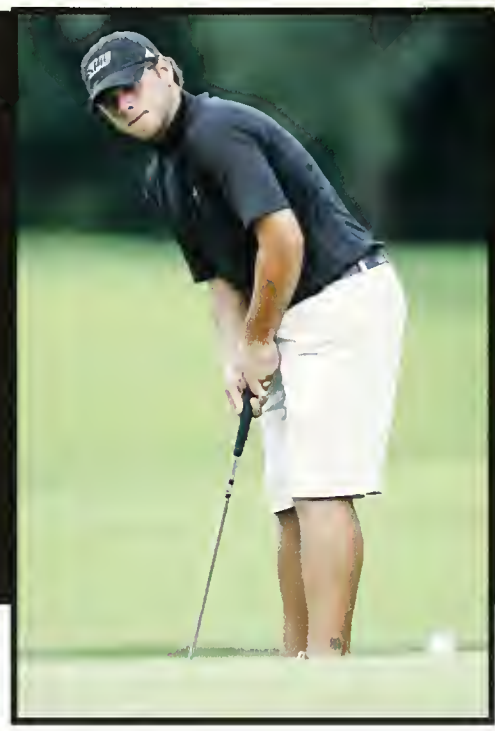
Above: Freshman Goeun Lee eyes down her upcoming putt with great concentration.
Upper Right: Freshman Tricia Maloney follows her ball after swinging a crushing drive.
Right: Junior Gabrielle White watches as her chip-in from the rough sets up a reasonable putting opportunity
Far Right: Junior Anna Riss exhibits a perfect opening drive that lands squarely in the middle of the fairway.

Why do you enjoy playing golf for Saint Leo?

Senior Meghan Costello enjoys playing golf here at Saint Leo because "A bad day on the course beats a good day anywhere else."

Sophomore Kristina Carvalho says "One of the best parts for me is the team dynamic ... it's AMAZING, it feels so much more like a family then just a golf team."

Men's Golf



Left: Junior Cole Cisbani watches his tee-off sail down the fairway, setting up a reasonable short game shot.
Left: Junior Mark McGuire watches his long putt for birdie travel down the green
Below: Sophomore Tom Lynn lines up ball for his upcoming putt.

Left: Junior Mark McGuire looks down the course before taking his opening shot.
Below: Junior Cole Leibel follows his ball down the fairway after hitting his driver.
Bottom Right: Junior Tom Crawford pitches his golf ball out of the sand trap in front of the green.

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Lacrosse photos were not taken before the final deadline.

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Champions

The Saint Leo University women's soccer team hoist their championship trophy in the air after their shootout win in the SSC Championship game.

Pia Soesemann (15) heads the ball into her team's possession.

Women's Soccer

Lion's Season Record 15-5-2

Above: The Lion's girls come together for prayer and reflection before the start of a game.

Right: The women's soccer team is huddled up to listen to the game plan from their coaches as they prepare for the second half.

Defender Malloree Enoch (9) in mid-kick while blasting the free kick down the field.

Lizzie Seedhouse (23) skillfully dribbles through the opposing defense.

Sophomore Kiki Day (21) lays a perfect lead pass to one of her teammates.

Goalkeeper Lauren Hudson (28) races to throw the ball up to her teammates.

Back Row (Left to Right) - Kristen Preseault, Pia Soesemann, Sarah Savage, Jaime Smith, Courtney Kassab, Hannah Beard, Kiki Day, Brittany Farsetta
Middle Row (Left to Right) - Assistant Coach Tommy Poston, Assistant Coach Ginger Davenport, Janessa Gunn, Chrissy Darwell, Lizzie Seedhouse, Lauren Hudson, Kelcee Mai, Dari Alcantara, Sian Webster, Aija Bent-Trinder, Head Coach Ged O'Connor
Front Row (Left to Right) - Ana Davila, Luisa Metallo, Lauren Kist, Stacey Rodwell, Maloree Enoch, Francesca Williams, Sara Macko

Cinderella has a new name this year, and it is the Saint Leo University women's soccer team. The Lions made a improbable, historic run to win the Sunshine State Conference Championship. They started the year strong with a 5-3 conference record while going 15-5-2 overall. Next, they defeated Lynn University 2-1 in overtime and Rollins College in a shootout. Standing in their way to the title was Florida Southern University, who they defeated in yet another shootout 3-2. The women's soccer team ended the regular season ranked 25th in the nation. Unfortunately, the ladies lost in double overtime in the opening round of the NCAA tournament to the University of Tampa. Junior Hannah Beard and Senior Lauren Hudson were named NSCAA All-Americans, along with six Lions girls getting All-Region honors.

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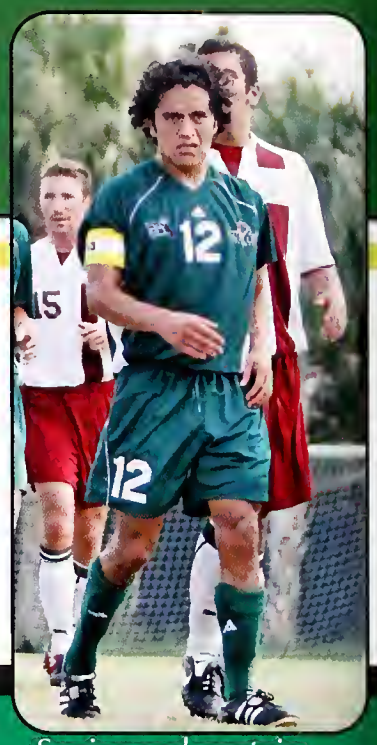
Men's SOCCER

Back Row (Left to Right) - Thurstan Johnson, Jose Montelongo, Cody Allen, Kareem Doherty, Scott Stefanek, Justin Weaver, Stephen Tatum, Ruud Van Der Sar, Sterling Birdsong, Jonathan Glenn
Middle Row (Left to Right) - Head Coach Joel Harrison, Art Gendreau, Brandon Whitsett, Cody Sumner, Daniel White, Griffin Pharr, Leonardo Nogueira, Juan Chavez, Michael Sanford, Assistant Coach Josh Gillon
Front Row (Left to Right) - Troy Zellman, Freddy Menor, Tyler Ramsdell, Karl Rydeborn-Tapper, Thomas Corkery, Eusebio Montoya, Bobby Huertas, Bruce Cutler



Senior and captain Eusebio Montoya finished the season with 14 goals in 16 games

(Below) Senior Eusebio Montoya and freshman Karl Rydeborn-Tapper celebrated the first game at the Sunshine State Conference Soccer Championships with a 3-1 drubbing of Nova Southeastern University in the quarterfinal round of the tournament.

Led by Seniors Eusebio Montoya and Brandon Whitsett, the Saint Leo University men's soccer team had high expectations for the season. They were competitive during the season completing a 5-3 conference record and an overall record of 9-6-1 to finish third in the Sunshine State Conference. In the quarterfinal of the SSC soccer championships, the men held home field by defeating Nova Southeastern University 3-1. They advanced to the semifinals but fell short by losing to 10th ranked University of Tampa. Senior Eusebio Montoya and Sophomore Jonathan Glenn were honored with All-Conference selections.

Senior and captain Brandon Whitsett chose Saint Leo because of its educational and athletic programs

Leonardo Nogueira's career goals are to play professional soccer

Goalkeeper Griffin Parr is only a sophomore and is in the starting lineup

Jonathan Glenn made a total of 84 shots on goal this season

Art Gendreau is a senior from Orlando and is Saint Leo's right side defense man

Senior Juan Chavez (6) hustled toward the ball and has the opposing goalkeeper beat after a teammate set him up with a perfect lead pass, resulting in another Lion's goal.

Bruce Cutler(10), Brandon Whitsett(8), Scott Stefanek(19), and Juan Chavez(6) give it their all using teamwork on the University field

Men's Season Record 10-7-1

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Softball

Above: A SLU softball player concentrates on the ball crossing the plate.
Below: Two Saint Leo softball players make important throws during the game.

Back Row (Left to Right): Assistant Coach Jana Fields, Student Manager Aaron McClarin, Brittany Yates, Dianne Gonzalez, Katrina Muchmore, Ashley Urbanik, Kristin Kelly, Tatiana Casis, Ashton Whidden, Head Coach Christi Wade
Front Row (Left to Right): Ali Lamb, Ally Maddox, Tiffinee Harvey, Amber Martyn, Kasey Postupack, Elysha Agen, Danielle Moreda, Stephanie Discepolo

The Saint Leo University softball team season to date can be described by one word, roller coaster. The girls have been on an up and down ride through the beginning of the season while playing remarkably in some games and coming up just short in others. The Lions are led by Seniors Ally Maddox, Ashley Urbanik, Tatiana Casis, and Stephanie Discepolo. They have amassed a record of 7-7 before the start of conference play and hope to finish the season strong before they chase for the Sunshine State Conference title.

Right: Senior pitcher Ashley Urbanik winds up her pitch on a 2-2 count before striking out her opponent.
Above: Senior Tatiana Casis swings with all her strength on the fastball and takes it all the way to the fence

Above: Sophomore Elysha Agen sent the ball to right field on her second at-bat.
Right: Senior infielder Stephanie Discepolo handles the hopper with ease before throwing the runner out at first.
Far Right: Sophomore Kasey Postupack watches her ball sail past the infield and head toward the wall for a home run.

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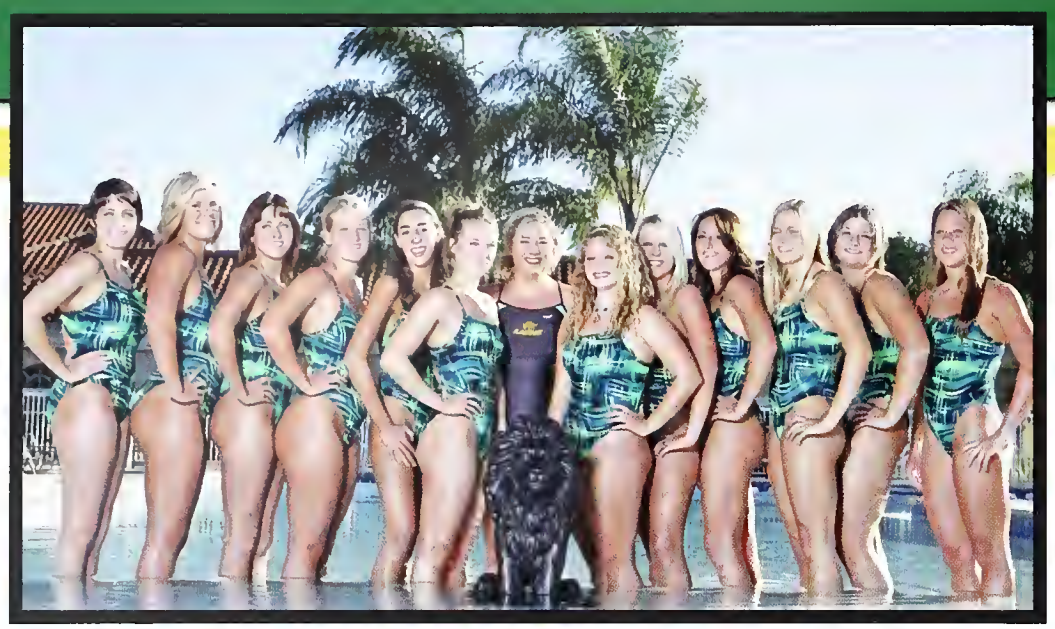
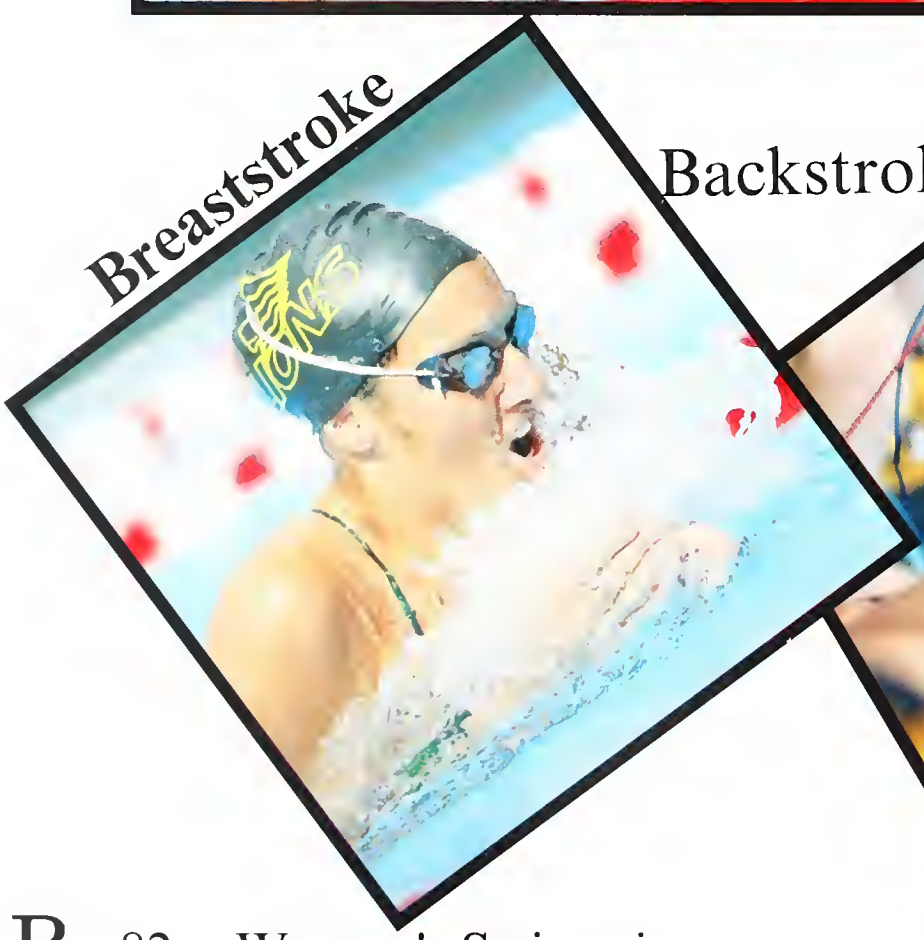
Women's Swim Team



Row (Left to Right) - Sarah Tatko, Alicia Thompson, Amanda Tatko, Erin Hotchkiss, Liz Casey, Alison Cary, Kristen Stahl, Mary Strand, Alisha Adams, Julie Carusone, Mindy Pierce, Erin Lucas, Jessica Pall.

With record setting times and individual achievements, Saint Leo University's men and women's swim team finished third in the 2008 Sunshine State Conference Collegiate Swimming Championships.



Breaststroke

Backstroke

Butterfly

Diving

Men's Swim Team

Diving

Backstroke

Butterfly

Freestyle

Highlight:
Freshman Tim Olson wins the 100 yard backstroke in a dual meet at Winter Park.

Matt Attal, Javier Beuzeville, Drew Bronnenberg, Jeremy Carusone, William Dentinger, Kyle Gramm, Brian Kiessling, Donald Maclary, Derek Maddigan, Tim Olson, Alexander Parada, Thomas Rey, Cliff Rhodes, Travis VanBuren

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Women's Tennis

The Saint Leo University women's tennis team is coming off the most successful season in school history after making it into the NCAA Southeast Regional tournament. This season they are led by No. 1's Lina Benkirane and Jeanette McDonald and hope to continue their progress from last season and go further into the NCAA tournament.

(Left to Right) : Head Coach Tim Crosby, Shaena Keefe, Asmaa Tazi, Lina Benkirane, Lara King, Taylor Cleaves, Jeanette McDonald, Gina Schifano, Assistant Coach Iskra Sbraccia

Junior Taylor Cleaves lobs the ball in the air before sending a screaming ace past her opponent.

Junior Lara King eyes the ball with concentration before sending a backhand down the baseline.

Junior Lina Benkirane focuses on her spo before tossing up her first serve.

Men's Tennis

Back Row (Left to Right) : Michael Calloway, Pablo Chavez, Head Coach Tim Crosby, Diego Timoteo, Jose Morales, Yves Jacobs
Front Row (Left to Right) : Richard Maclachlan, Jeff Hanrahan, Anthony Carter, Julian Jean-Pierre

The Saint Leo University men's tennis team have their eyes set on the Sunshine State Conference title this season with No. 1's Yves Jacobs and Richard Maclachlan leading the way. The Lions are hoping to bounce back from a disappointing finish to last season with a NCAA tournament birth and the prized SSC championship this season.

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Women's Volleyball

Above: The girls gear up for the game with an uplifting cheer to get them pumped up for another win.

Right: Chelsea Armer(5), Kaitlin McKenna(8), and Leah Perry(9) jump up for a block and to distract the opposing team

Roster

#1 Jenna Jordan
2 Michelle Nogueras
3 Jessi Lynn
4 Kim Nuckols
5 Chelsea Armer
6 Sara Ver Voort
7 Emily Frey
8 Kaitlin McKenna
9 Leah Perry
10 Brittany Fuhr
11 Corey Ryan
12 Danielle Bletso
13 Audrey Starkebaum
14 Jessica Bryant
15 Amanda Cook

Right: The Lion's girls are pretty in pink as they pose for a photo for a Breast Cancer Awareness event.

The Saint Leo University volleyball team has given all the Lion's fans a whole lot to cheer about this season, having a 29 to 11 record. Head coach Sam Cibrone and assistant coaches Dan King and Jenn Corkum have really accelerated the Saint Leo women's volleyball performance. This will be the third consecutive time that the Saint Leo volleyball team has qualified for postseason play.

Above: The girls group up to support Michelle Nogueras (2) after her quick dump-attack which everyone has become accustomed to seeing.

Left: The girls celebrate a winning block from Jenna Jordan(1) after an intense volley.

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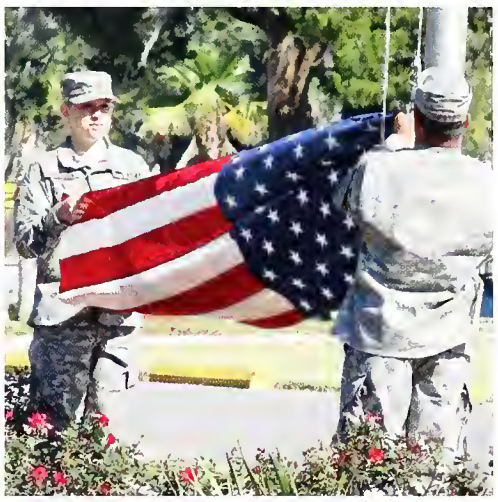
Clubs & Organizations

Air Force/Army ROTC

ROTC members salute for the raising of the flag on Veteran's Day.

Two Army recruits prepare to raise the American flag.



Saint Leo University and University of South Florida have a partnership that allows SLU students to participate in the Air Force and Army ROTC programs at USF. ROTC is an exciting program of study that leads to an appointment as a lieutenant in the United States Military while combining classroom instruction with hands on training. Students in ROTC can apply for 2-4 years worth of full scholarships and receive a book allowance and monthly cash stipend.

American Marketing Association

American Marketing Association is a student-run organization, overseen by its faculty advisor, Dr. Stephen Baglione. It is an international, award winning organization that allows Saint Leo students to meet other students from around the world while gaining valuable experience in preparation for future careers. The Association is designed to enhance practical experience, build a strong and influential resume, and learn more about different career paths from business professionals. SLU students spend a year preparing to attend their International Collegiate Conference (ICC) held annually in New Orleans, only blocks away from the craziness of Bourbon Street. At the ICC, students attend workshops, listen to business professionals, and if not too tired, enjoy the nightlife.

An AMA member fills out an application to attend ICC.

Club members come together to write down ideas for a practical experience exercise.

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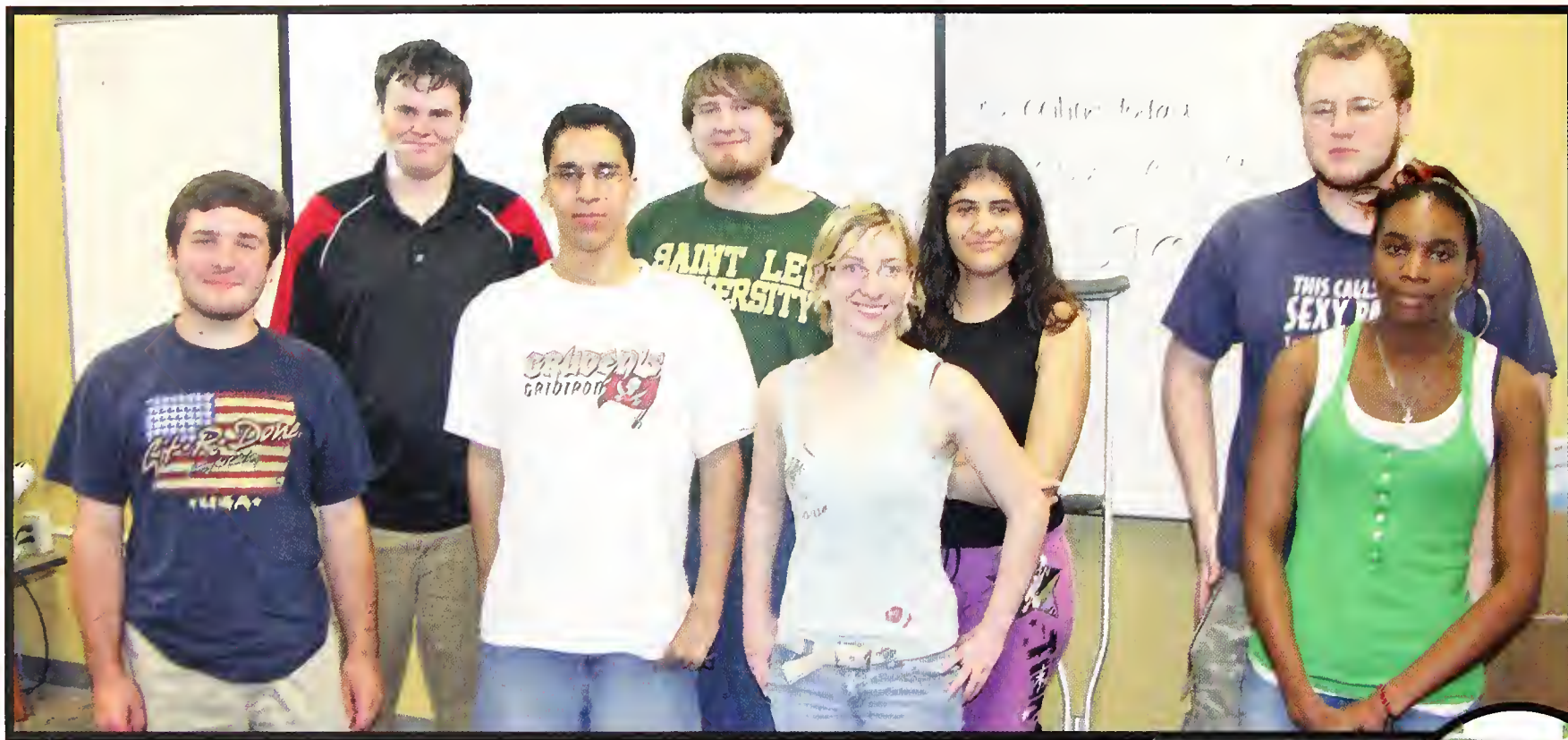
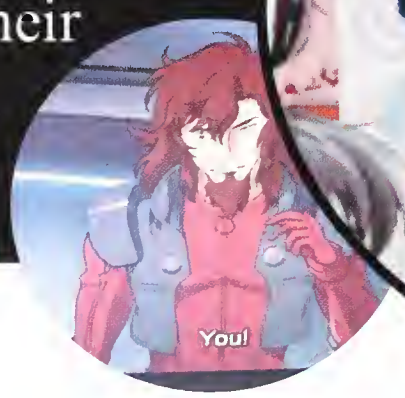
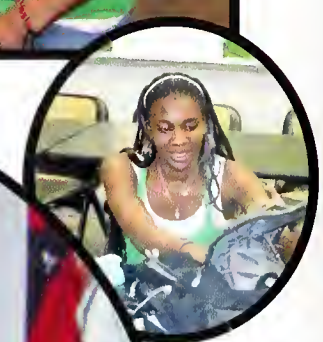
Anime Club



The members love to watch Japanese anime from Gundam Wing, Dragonball Z, and Inuyasha. Most of the time the videos are played in their original dialogue, Japanese.





The Anime Club started back in 2004 with a small amount of members, but it has steadily grown to a fine number of associates. The club was created to showcase anime creation to all lovers of the genre, as well as bring back memories of the great cartoons that were created. Meetings are held every Wednesday to show pieces of art work, videos, as well as other anime creations. The club also hosts a monthly video game night.

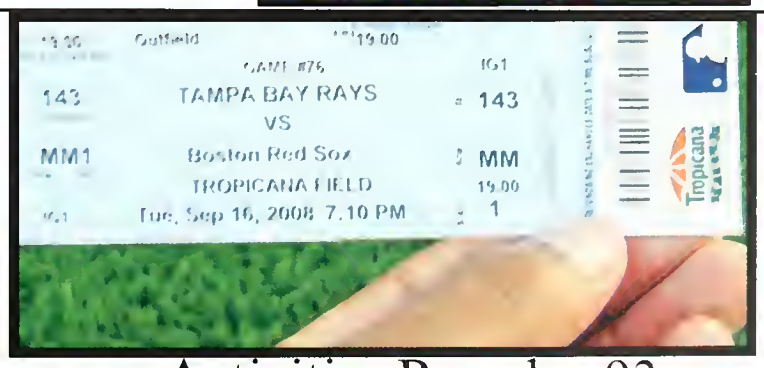
CAB Campus Activities Board

Founded in 2001, the Campus Activities Board or CAB is a student-run organization that is responsible for programming on campus. Any student can be involved and can help plan activities such as trips to amusement parks, movie nights, Fall Festival, Spring Fling, bingo and much more.

Upper Left and Right: Bingo Night is a popular CAB event that always has a crowded room.

Left and Above: CAB sponsors a table at the Student Involvement Fair which features the clubs and organizations on campus. Interested students can sign up to join or learn about the organization and upcoming events in which they can participate.

Right: Saint Leo students enjoy a nice relaxing baseball game as they watch the Rays and Red Sox go head to head.



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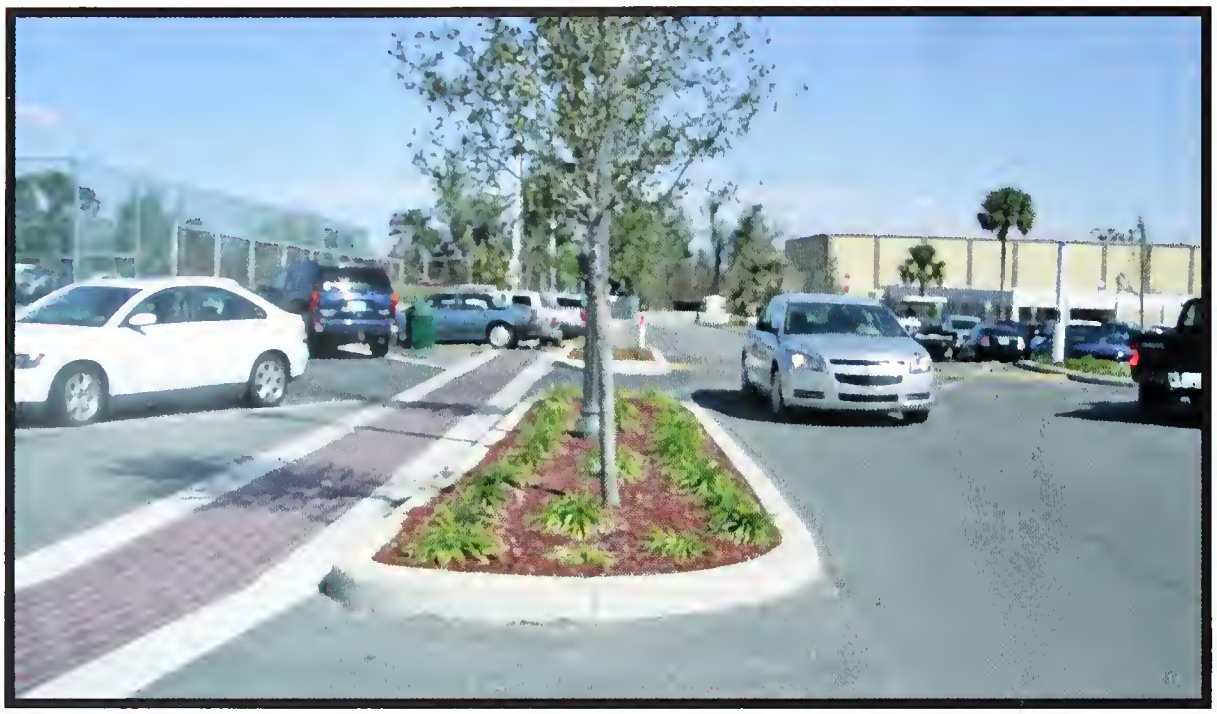
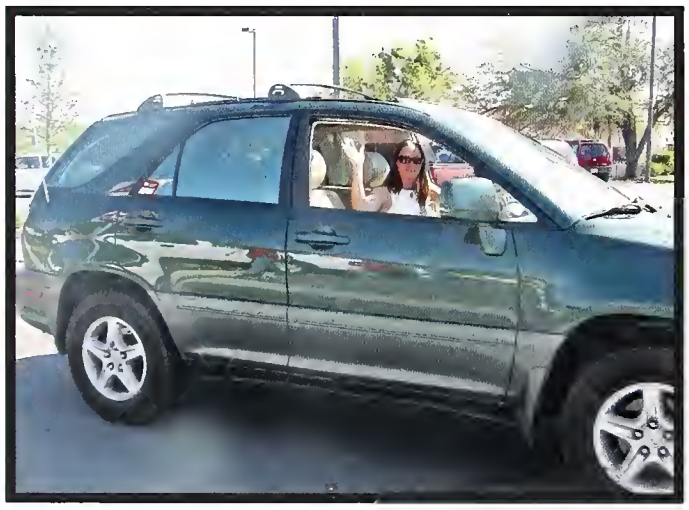
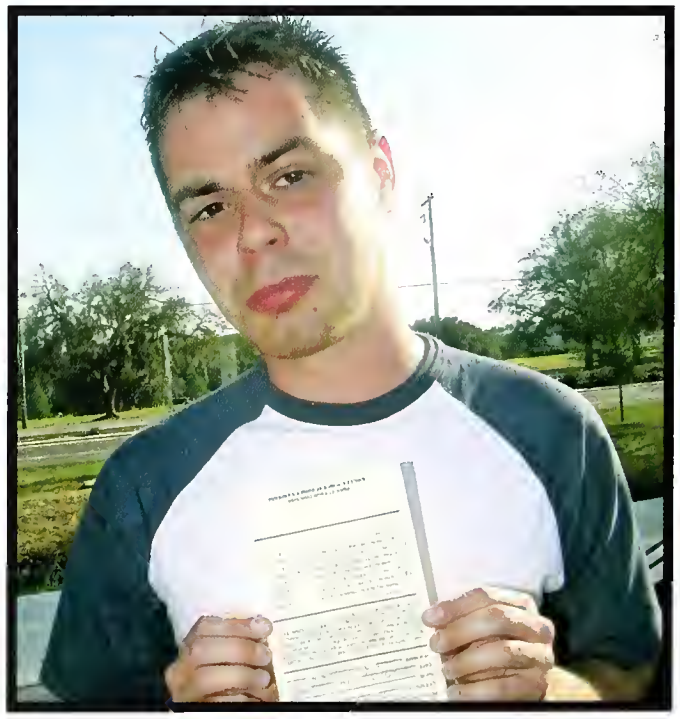
Commuters





While numerous students at Saint Leo's main campus reside here, there are quite a few students who commute from their homes everyday to attend class. These students may be non-traditional students finishing their degree, residents of Dade City and Zephyrhills, or just trying to save some money by living off campus. With the growing commuter population here at Saint Leo University, parking can be difficult to find. As a result, commuters receive parking tickets for parking illegally since spaces aren't available and the walk from the apartments is just too long to get to class.



Communication Management Club

The Communication Management Club is designed to bring together all SLU students who are interested in exploring communication activities and careers.

OFFICERS

President: Angie Cruz
Vice President: Rachael Blum
Secretary: Casey McKenna
Historian: Taylor Gildard
Public Relations: Diana Russo and Laura Beth Russo
Special Events Coordinator: Allison Bowhall

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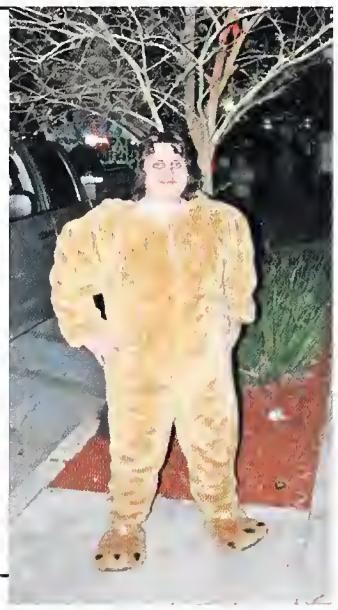
FTA

Future Teachers Association

Saint Leo University sponsors a student chapter of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), the nation's largest non-union professional organization of educators. The students named their chapter The Future Teachers Association of Saint Leo University. The Future Teachers Association is open to all graduate and undergraduate students and sponsors information sessions, participates in University activities, sponsors booths at local fairs, and serves as a host to national conferences. Along with those activities, the FTA participated in the Dade City Christmas Parade on December 5, 2008. The members of FTA decorated the float with the theme of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and marched through the parade spreading Christmas joy to the onlookers.

Max-imum Effort on Costumes

Joella Hojenski poses as the loveable dog Max from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" before walking out to the parade.



"Whoos" Getting Their Hair Done

FTA members take their time to get their hair done to look similar to the "Whoos" from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Marching Through Town

Members from the Future Teachers Association march through Dade City passing out bead necklaces and showing off their float.

Goizueta Scholars

The Goizueta Foundation Scholars Program at Saint Leo University is a scholarship leadership development program for students of Hispanic/Latino heritage. Each scholar receives a four-year partial scholarship toward full-time undergraduate study at Saint Leo's University Campus. This award is added to any other merit or need based financial aid in which the student qualifies.

Pride and Glory

Members display pride in their nation of origin during Latino History Month.

Cha-Cha Real Smooth

The members of Goizueta Scholars embrace their cultures through a dance night during Latino History Month.

La Familia

Peer-mentors showing their friendship to model the concept of family prevalent in Latino culture.

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Green & Gold Key

Green & Gold Key is a group of sophomores to seniors that provide tours throughout the academic year to potential students and their families. They also volunteer for other activities around campus, such as Open House and Picture This!. Anyone can volunteer to join throughout the academic year. The Admission Office holds Chat Nights, where the Green & Gold Key members chat online with potential students about campus life and class.

Erin - Chair of Fundraising

Lou - Chair of Recruitment & Tours

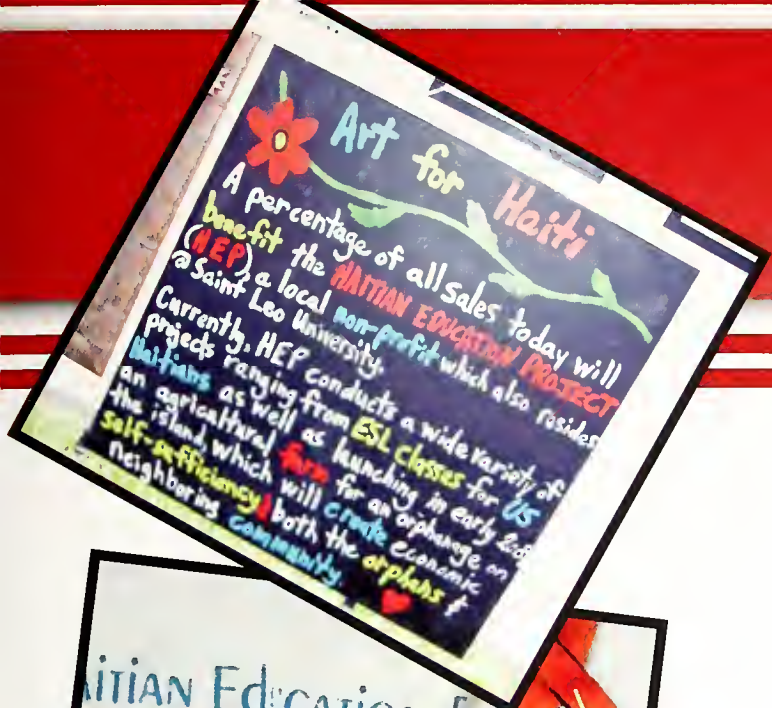
Megan - President

Nick - Vice President

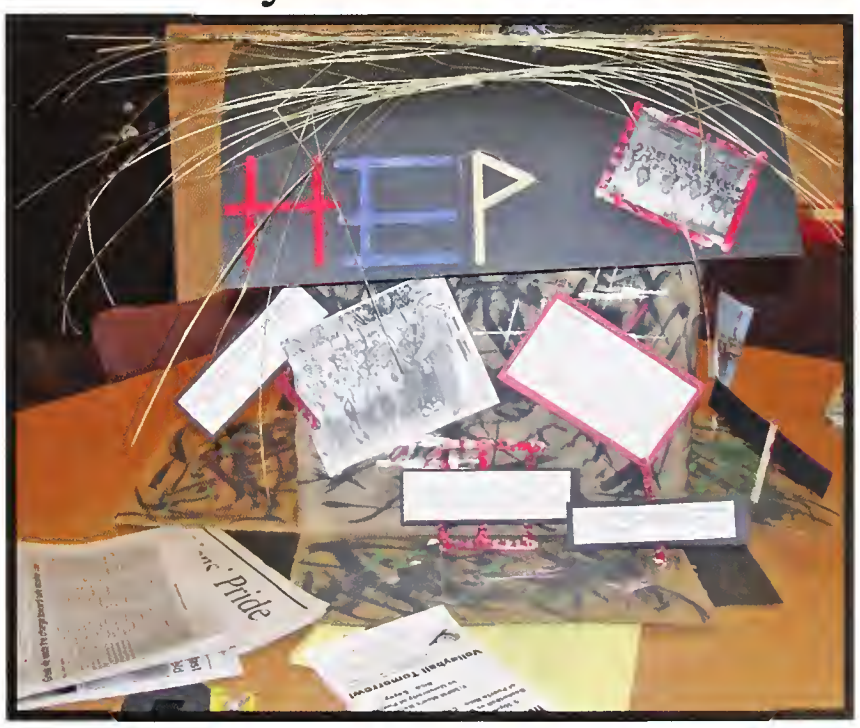
Toni - Chair of Technology

Haitian Education Project

HEP



Haitian Education Project was founded in 2003 by Laude Saint-preux. This organization sponsors an orphanage in Haiti called Marie Porte Du Ceil in Cap-Haitian. They are currently doing a penny drive with the objective of collecting 1 million pennies by April 1, 2009. Funds collected this year will go toward an agricultural project in Haiti to feed the orphans and create farming jobs for the local community.



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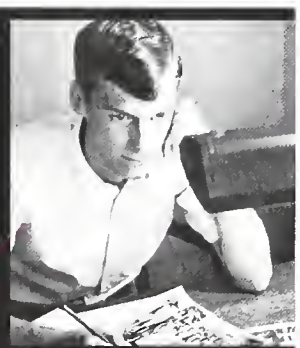
History of the Golden Legend

The Golden Legend started in 1963 with Saint Leo College Preparatory School becoming a full-time college. Prior to being named Golden Legend, the yearbook was known as The Lion. Golden Legend and The Lion have captured the memories of Saint Leo throughout the decades. And as the times change, so did the Golden Legend. The photos have changed from black and white to full color to high resolution digital photos. The size of the yearbook has increased in both length and width. Page layouts have gone from cutouts to Photoshop and online web sites. Although the way the Golden Legend is produced has changed over the years, the purpose has remained the same: to portray the multitude of experiences Saint Leo University has to offer.

Editor Melissa Ramos and staff members, Christina Perez and Dominic Hughes, take a break to smile for the camera at the Fall Family Festival.



A yearbook staffer from 1971 works hard into the late night in order to ensure that the yearbook deadline is met on time.

Lisa Bagdy, a Golden Legend yearbook staffer in 1987, discusses what photos are needed to complete a page layout with fellow staffer Marte Gould.

Editor Edwin Fastnacht stands in awe at the height of the Golden Legend yearbooks pile that spans eight decades of Saint Leo University history.

Imago Dei

We Choose Life!

Members of Imago Dei pose for a group picture.
From left to right: Jose Rodriguez-Rivera, Erin Lucas, Pamela Savoia, Ashley Edwards, Edwin Ortiz, Elizabeth Casey, Michael Berry.

Left: Imago Dei members bow their heads for prayer before the meeting starts.
Right: Members join with others to participate in a pro-life march in Washington D.C.

Are you the type of person who loves to promote life, love, and God? Who will step out on a limb, just to get the word about peace, out to others? Imago Dei is the perfect organization for you. Doesn't matter your religious background Imago Dei is open to all who fight for pro life. Imago Dei was approved in the Spring 2007 semester by University Ministry and SGU. The purpose of the club is to encourage others to become a part of a great move in life to help teach others about the respect and love that God has for all. On January 22, 2008, Imago Dei made history by having the first pro-life march on Saint Leo's campus with candlelight, similar to fireworks.

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I.S.A.

Intercultural Student Association

The purpose of this organization is to identify and foster the awareness of Intercultural/International issues and to provide a forum to express our cultural differences and to understand other cultures. Any and all Saint Leo University students may belong to the Intercultural Student Association.

I.S.A. is known for the International Food Night (Feast for the World) held during International Education Week where students from all countries cook traditional foods and share them with the Saint Leo University community.

I.S.A. also holds events such as ImagiNation, Miss SLU World Pageant and many other cultural programs throughout the year.

Students enjoy a feast of international dishes with friends and peers of all ethnicities during International Education Week.

Lighthouse

Lighthouse is a time of worship, a message, cookies, guest speakers, inspiration, prayer, and fellowship. It is a place where we can come together and worship, yet still make it fun.

Coming to Lighthouse gets us through the week and it's like a breath of fresh air

- Krystal Filsinger

Students gather together to get away from the stresses of the world and join each other in fellowship.

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Math Club

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Rita Aleman
President

Danielle Sullivan
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Public Relations

Maria Acosta
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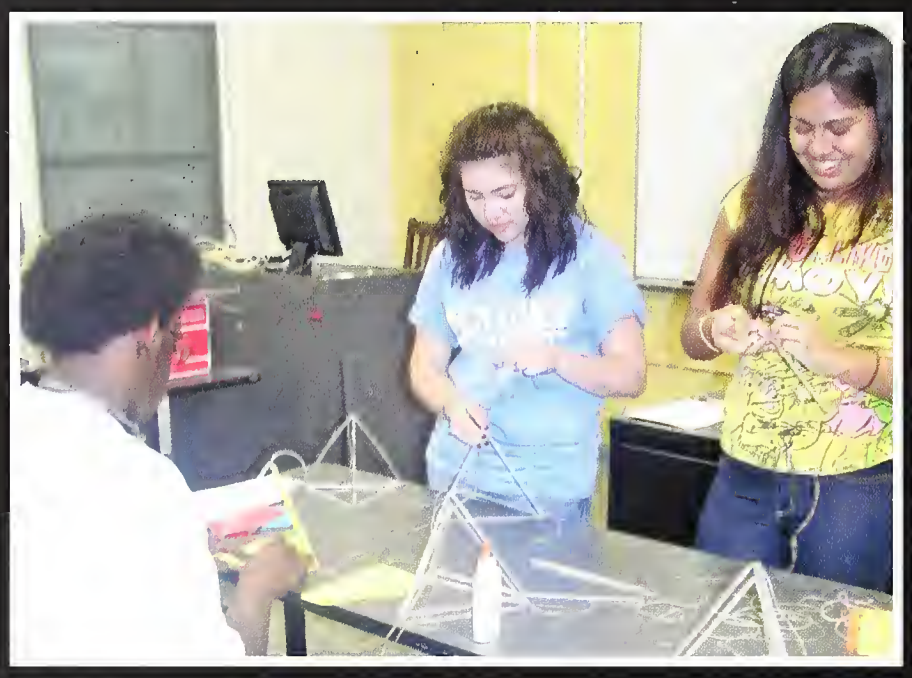
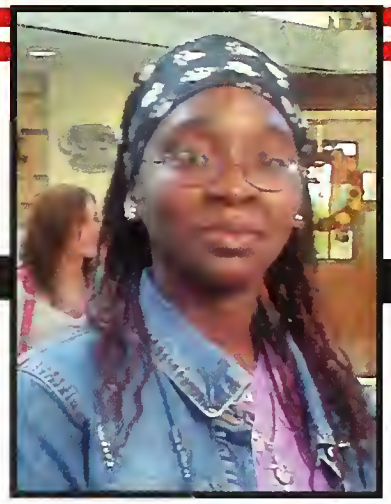


Math Club was formed last year at Saint Leo University to gather and support students interested in Mathematics. Since its inception, membership has increased, and with this, there is hope to start a mathematical honor society next year. The Math Club is involved in running tetrahedron kites and Pi Week. This year, Saint Leo University hosted the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) conference and members from the Math Club assisted in conducting the conference.

Netball



Executive Board 2008-2009

President: Karen Mapp-Yard
Vice President: Krystle Graham-Haynes (not pictured)
Senator: Antonette Lyken
Treasurer/Secretary: TaSheira Morley
Public Relations: TaSheika Morley

Sunshine Lions Netball Squad was started at Saint Leo University in the Fall 2007 under the leadership of President Karen Mapp-Yard. Netball was first started in 1895 by Clara Gregory Baer in England. It was originally called women's basketball.

Above: Goal Scorer TaSheira Morley shoots a shot over her sister TaSheika Morley.
Right: A few Netball members pose for a group photo after a game.
Far Right: Janae Rolle performs a quick bounce pass to her teammate.

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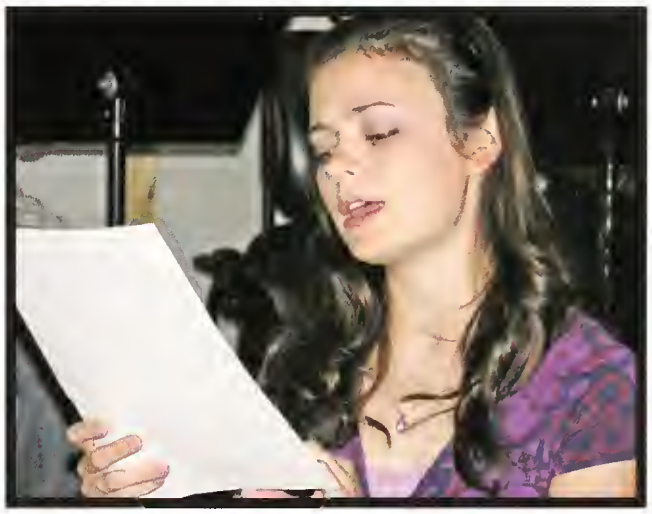
Progressive Black Men Association

Below: Members pose for a casual picture in their formal green and black attire.
Right: The Progressive Black Men Association come together for a social with brothers from USF.

The Progressive Black Men Association originated at Florida State University in 1989. The association started at Saint Leo University in 2006. The Black men at Saint Leo are challenged to correct negative stereotypes that have been placed on them over the years.

Saint Leo University Choir

Left: The SLU Choir, with the strings and concert band, perform Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from his oratorio, The Messiah.
Below: Sarah Holz practices her solo.



Above: The Saint Leo University Choir receiving a thunderous standing ovation at the Christmas concert in the Abbey Church on December 2, 2008.
Left: Two male choir members provide background harmony to perfection during a practice session.

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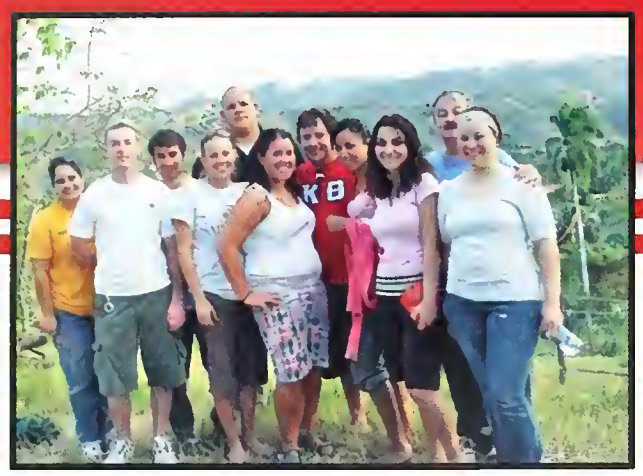

SERVE

Students Engaged in Rewarding Volunteer Experiences

SERVE is a student directed initiative that provides members of the Saint Leo University community with opportunities to participate in service trips across the United States, Latin, and South America. Members are proud of their accomplishments in the SERVE program this year as they continue to grow and face new challenges. This year, over 100 students will travel during spring and summer break to locations including Honduras, Ecuador, Florida Keys, Atlanta, New Jersey, New Orleans, Alaska, Peru, and Brazil. Participants will work on projects related to community development, human rights, environmental sustainability, and the relationship between religion, society, and culture. In Mexico, members were honored to work with and learn from Jesus Leon-Santos, a renowned environmentalist who won the prestigious Goldman prize several weeks after their visit.

Saint Leo Faculty and staff act as advisors/mentors on SERVE trips and help provide the guidance and oversight in setting and administering policies.

S.I.S.T.U.H.S.

Strength Spirituality Unity Substance
Initiative Tenacity Health

Members were inducted December 7, 2008.

S.I.S.T.U.H.S. Incorporated was founded November 5, 2006 at Saint Leo. S.I.S.T.U.H.S. has been serving local communities in the state of Florida and raising awareness for national and global issues affecting African American women and people of African descent. The purpose of S.I.S.T.U.H.S. is to foster a harmonious environment, to learn about the roles women of color have in society, and to develop local leadership to respond to the community's needs. This organization thrives on the idea that individuals are never discriminated against when applying for membership into S.I.S.T.U.H.S.

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SLU T.V.

Saint Leo University's campus television station was founded in 2007, by a dedicated team of students, with three main goals: to communicate, to educate, and to entertain. Created by Saint Leo students, for Saint Leo students, SLU TV is dedicated to promoting the core values and accomplishments of the Saint Leo University family. SLU TV is a popular and vigorously developing organization looking forward to continued growth in the future.

Members of the SLU_TV production team take a break from behind the cameras to shine in the limelight.

Social Work

Social Work Club is an extension of the mission of the Department of Social Work to educate students with the knowledge, values and skills requisite for meaningful and effective generalist social work practice.

Members of the Social Work Club, as well as Saint Leo faculty and students, gather to listen to Susan Buckley.

Hanging near the entrance to Saint Leo University, the shirts that students designed for being "Against Domestic Violence" represents how students feel about the situation that is occurring around the world.

Susan Buckley speaks about her traumatic experience of domestic abuse and calls all people to stand up against this problem.

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Alumni Association

Congratulations graduates of 2009!

2008-2009 Alumni Board of Directors

The purposes of the Saint Leo Alumni Association are to assist and support the university as it fulfills its Catholic Benedictine mission to provide a high quality, student-centered liberal arts education in an environment that encompasses values of excellence, community, respect, personal development, responsible stewardship, and integrity; to be a vehicle for alumni to share in the life of the university through cooperative efforts coordinated by the Office of Alumni Relations in a mutually rewarding relationship; and, in cooperation with the Office of Alumni Relations, to be self-sustaining and self-perpetuating with regard to the association's leadership, role, and function.

As the President of the Saint Leo Alumni Association, I know first hand that my relationship with Saint Leo University did not stop after I received my diploma; that was only the beginning. Being an active alumnus has shown me that reunions, networking events, and the online community are only as effective as I make them. Being involved with the planning of events and being an active member of the online community has opened many social and professional avenues for me.

As our alumni population continues to become more diverse so do the opportunities for involvement. Whether you decide to volunteer to help plan events or just attend them, I encourage you stay connected.

I hope you take full advantage of being a part of the Saint Leo University Alumni Association.

Keep in touch,

Thamir Kaddour

Thamir Kaddouri, Jr. '94
President, Saint Leo Alumni Association

Work Study

Federal Work Study, awarded to students with exceptional financial need, is based on fund availability, and provides an opportunity for you to earn money while attending school. As a work-study student, you can apply for an approved work-study position and get paid for the hours you are employed. At Saint Leo University, there are many opportunities available such as working at the Info Desk in the Student Community Center, the gym or pool, and even the newspaper or the yearbook staff. If you academically excel in a certain subject, becoming a peer tutor could be a possible work-study position that benifits the Saint Leo community. With work-study at Saint Leo, you can find a suitable job that is located right on campus.

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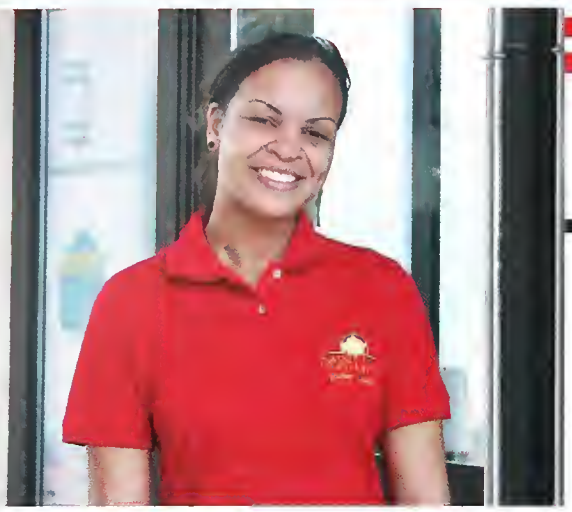
Student Chaplains



BRIGITTE D'ABREAU

SARAH HOLZ

CHRISTINA BEU

JOHNATHAN GALO

JAMES BELLOZIER

ERICK ARMSTRONG

PAM SAVOIA

A Student Chaplain is a leader on campus promoting faith, community, and service. As part of the University Ministry Team they commit themselves to make a difference in the religious and human dimensions of community life here at Saint Leo University. A Student Chaplain usually lives with other students and serves as a peer leader, encourages the spiritual and human growth of the student community and helps plan social, religious, and other types of programs. As a peer leader, there is an opportunity to grow and share in their faith.

Student Government Union

Muvico Trips

Golden Legend

B-I-N-G-O!

Wiregrass Trips

SGU Executive Board

President: Andre Curry
Vice President of Operations: Steven Cronis
Vice President of Activities: Jenniffer Duffey
Treasurer: Misty Floyd
Secretary: Vernon Davis

The Student Government Union (SGU) Executive Board and Class officers are elected each spring semester. Several liaison positions and freshmen class officers are selected during the fall semester. The Student Government acts as the voice of the student body, presenting suggestions and concerns to Administration. SGU sponsors fun activities for the student body, as well as events like leadership conferences and community service day.

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Honor Societies

Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi is the international honor society in education. Founded in 1911, the purpose of the society is to recognize excellence and foster mutual cooperation, support, and professional growth for educational professionals.To be eligible for membership, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.4 and be recognized for excellence not only in academics, but also in service and in educational practice. The motto of KDP is "So to teach that our words inspire a will to learn; So to serve that each day may enhance the growth of exploring minds; So to live, that we may guide young and old to know the truth and love the right."

Officers:
President: Chris Kent
V. President: Ashley Anderson
Historian: Kendra Hutchinson & Melissa Ramos
Treasurer: Andrea Setliff
Secretary: Courtney Kaylor

Advisors Dr. Higdon, Mrs. McLeish, & Dr. Roberts

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology. It was founded in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. The Society of Psi Chi serves two major goals: first, to provide academic recognition to its inductees by the mere act of membership and secondly, to nurture the spark of that accomplishment by offering a climate congenial to its creative development.

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Delta Epsilon Sigma
Delta Nu Chapter

The purpose of the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholarship Honor Society is to recognize the academic accomplishments of its members, to foster scholarly activities and encourage a sense of intellectual community among its members. At Saint Leo University in the year of 2008, 53 new members were inducted and 36 were inducted for the year 2009.

2008- 2009 Officers

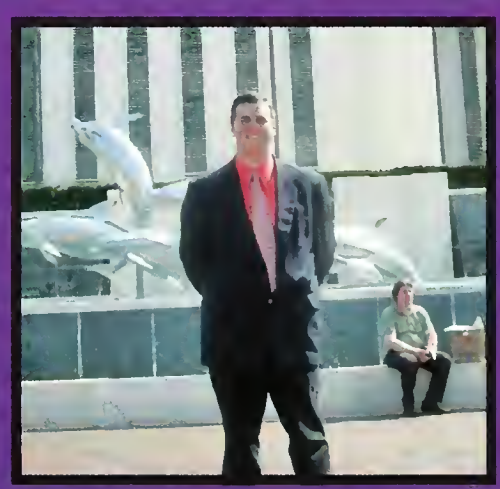
President: Brigitte D'Abreau
Vice President: Cheryl Barber
Secretary/Treasurer: Lucas Trainer
Historian: Ciara Teegarden
Parliamentarian: Jessica Huybrechts
Chaplain: Karen Mapp-Yard and Cecilia Bolich
Chapter Advisor: Dr. Valerie Wright
Chapter Co-Advisor: Dr. Shelli Whitworth

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta is the History Honor Society that was founded in 1921. Their mission is to promote the study of history through encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. They also try to encourage academic and social contacts among history undergraduates, graduate students and faculty.

Pi Sigma Alpha

Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Science Honor Society that was founded in 1920 on the University of Texas at Austin. This honor society is the only society for students involved in political science in the United States. the purpose of this society is to recognize and promote high academic achievement in the field of political science.



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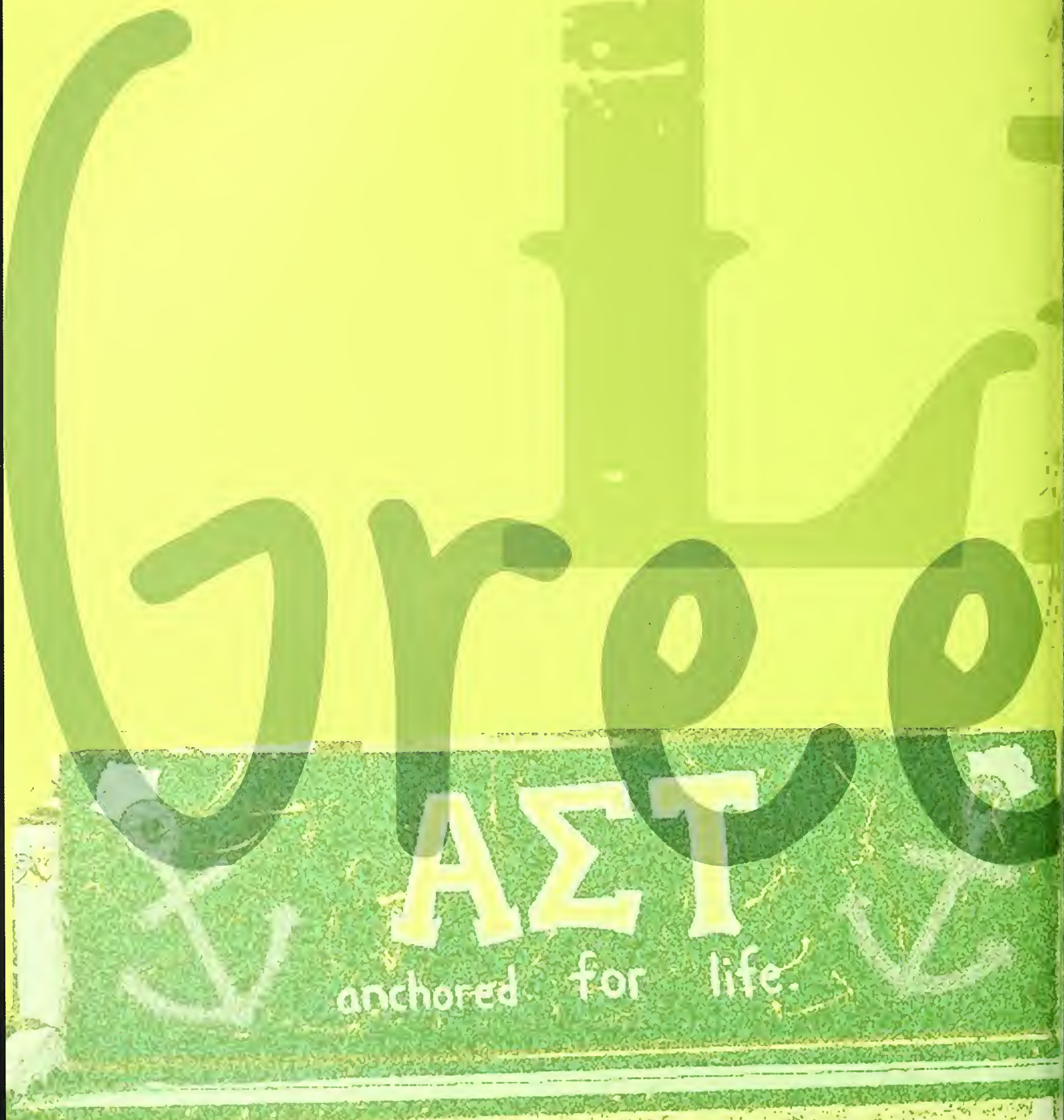

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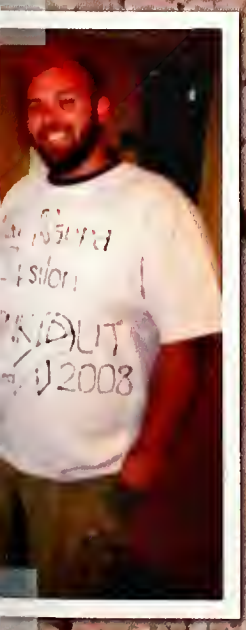

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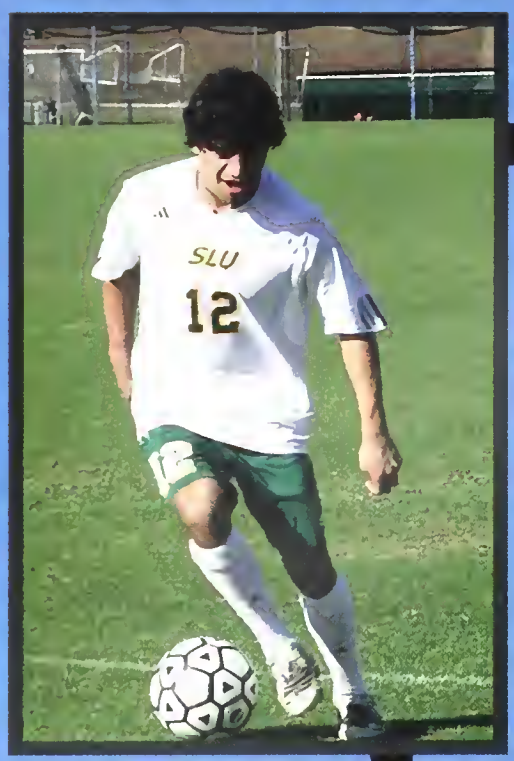


"Eat. Sleep. Soccer."
-Unknown

Major: Business Management.

Plans after graduation: Play soccer professionally.

How did you find interest in soccer? I grew up playing soccer with kids around my neighborhood.

What have you accomplished in soccer? I was high school MVP 3 years in a row, League Player of the Year for 2 years, County Player of the year for 2 years, I made the All-Conference for 3 years, All-State for 3 years, I was Regional Player of the Year for 2 years, and our soccer team won the conference in 2005.

Will your expertise in soccer help you in your future? Only if I decide to coach soccer.

What will be your greatest memory of your years at SLU? All of the friends I have made, winning the conference for the first time in Saint Leo's history, and anything involving soccer.

Eusebio Montoya

[The Athlete]

"Photography is a huge inspiration it changes the way one thinks about the ordinary world." *-Brandy Scaglione*

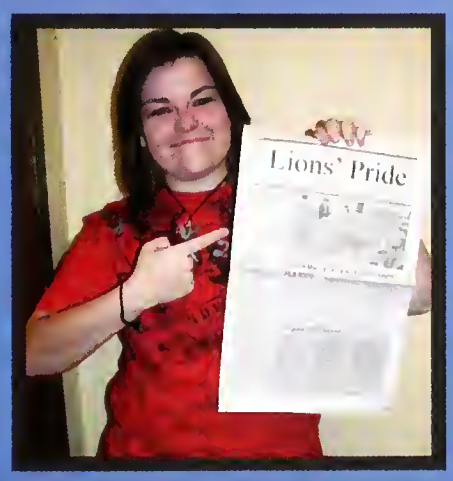
Major: Psychology and Biology

Plans after graduation: Finish Biology at the University of South Florida. I plan on going to Medical School there for Psychiatry.

What interested you in photography?A hobby I got into in high school. There's something about capturing the moment that gets me uplifted.

Favorite part of photography? Making sure people can see and feel what I capture.

What would you like to pursue in Photography? Working with a photo company part time maybe. Photographing weddings, landscapes, animals, just about a little of everything. So I can have an idea on what angles and points to take those types of pictures.



[The Photographer]

Brandy Scaglione

"Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that a son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president..."
-Nelson Mandela

Major: Elementary education

What brought you to SLU? 1998 for associates degree, graduated with AA in 2000, reapplied for Bachelors in 2006. Looking for a small catholic college in a rural setting and SLU fit the bill.

Plans after graduation: Continue teaching in the Tampa Bay area in elementary school classrooms. Eventually I plan to go back to school for masters degrees in special education and educational leadership.

Why did you want to become a teacher? I wanted to work with children and after studying medicine for a year, I decided education would be a better fit for me.

How will your final internship help you in your teaching career? My final internship helped me to learn how to manage a classroom day in and day out. It's one thing to show up and teach one day a week, and quite another to be able to teach a class of 5 year olds all day every weekday. The day to day operation of a classroom requires planning and organization, and that can really only be learned through experience.

What have you learned from your internships? To implement various teaching methods, assess student performance, plan lessons, and work cooperatively with parents, fellow staff members, and students

What is your favorite part about working with children? Some people would say seeing the growth take place, and I agree with that, but also I love working with kids because kids will say the craziest things If it hadn't been for the faculty and my friends here at Saint Leo, I may never have successfully accomplished my goal of becoming a teacher. I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to study in such a close-knit learning community. The faculty, staff and students are a true blessing to the community, and I look forward to working with them in the schools and community in the future.

[The Educator]

Chris Kent

Learn and grow all you can; serve and befriend all you an; enrich and inspire all you can."

-William Arthur Ward

Major: Computer Information Systems

What brought you to SLU? I grew up nearby, work for an alumnus at the law firm of Greenfelder & Mander, and really liked the idea of going to a small university. I knew SLU would be a great fit and provide excellent opportunities.

Plans after graduation: I don't have any concrete plans, but would love to spend some time volunteering or contributing back to the global community in some way. I started an application for the Peace Corps, and am currently exploring other similar opportunities to provide real service.

What made you join SERVE/ Samaritans? I was drawn to the opportunities for travel and to experience new cultures in SERVE. I joined Samaritans at a time when I wanted to become more involved, have the opportunity to perform regular community service, and meet new people.

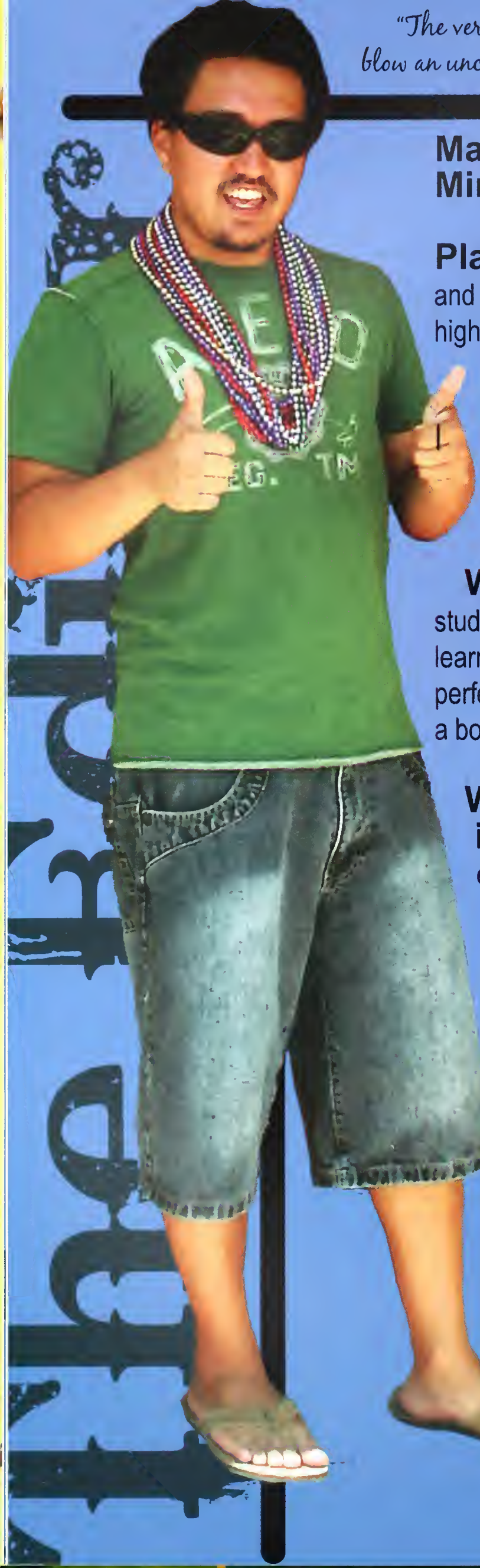
What benefits from being part of these organizations will you have? My first SERVE trip to Mexico was a completely transformational experience. I gained a much greater appreciation and understanding for people from different backgrounds. I also had an incredible opportunity to learn and practice new skills that will be valuable in the job market.

Are you going to continue participating in programs that give back to the community after graduation? Absolutely! I really enjoy all of the new experiences and the opportunities to travel and meet a diverse range of people.

[The Samaritan]

Lucas Trainer

"The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet." *-Theodore M. Hesburgh*



Major: Mathematics
Minor: Secondary Education

Plans after graduation: Work 1 year for the government and then decide whether to stay with the government or become a high school math teacher.

How did you find interest in yearbook? I've been involved in production of the yearbook staff since high school and I wanted to continue some thing I enjoyed.

What brought you to SLU? My girlfriend was a student at SLU and after visiting the main campus a few times and learning that there was a mathematics program, I felt that it was the perfect option for me. With Saint Leo being a small school, it felt like a bonus.

Will your role as yearbook editor help you in your future? Yes, being the yearbook editor develops decision making skills and leadership abilities as well as experiencing how to work with deadlines.

What will be your greatest memory of your years at SLU? Being able to pursue my interests while spending time with my girlfriend Melissa.

[The Editor]

Edwin Fastnacht

"Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results." *-George S.. Patton*

Major: Biology

Plans after graduation: I plan on having a job in the hospital and go to medical school a year later.

What made you want to be the president at SLU? I am a leader. I enjoy the responsibilities and the positive influence I have on others.

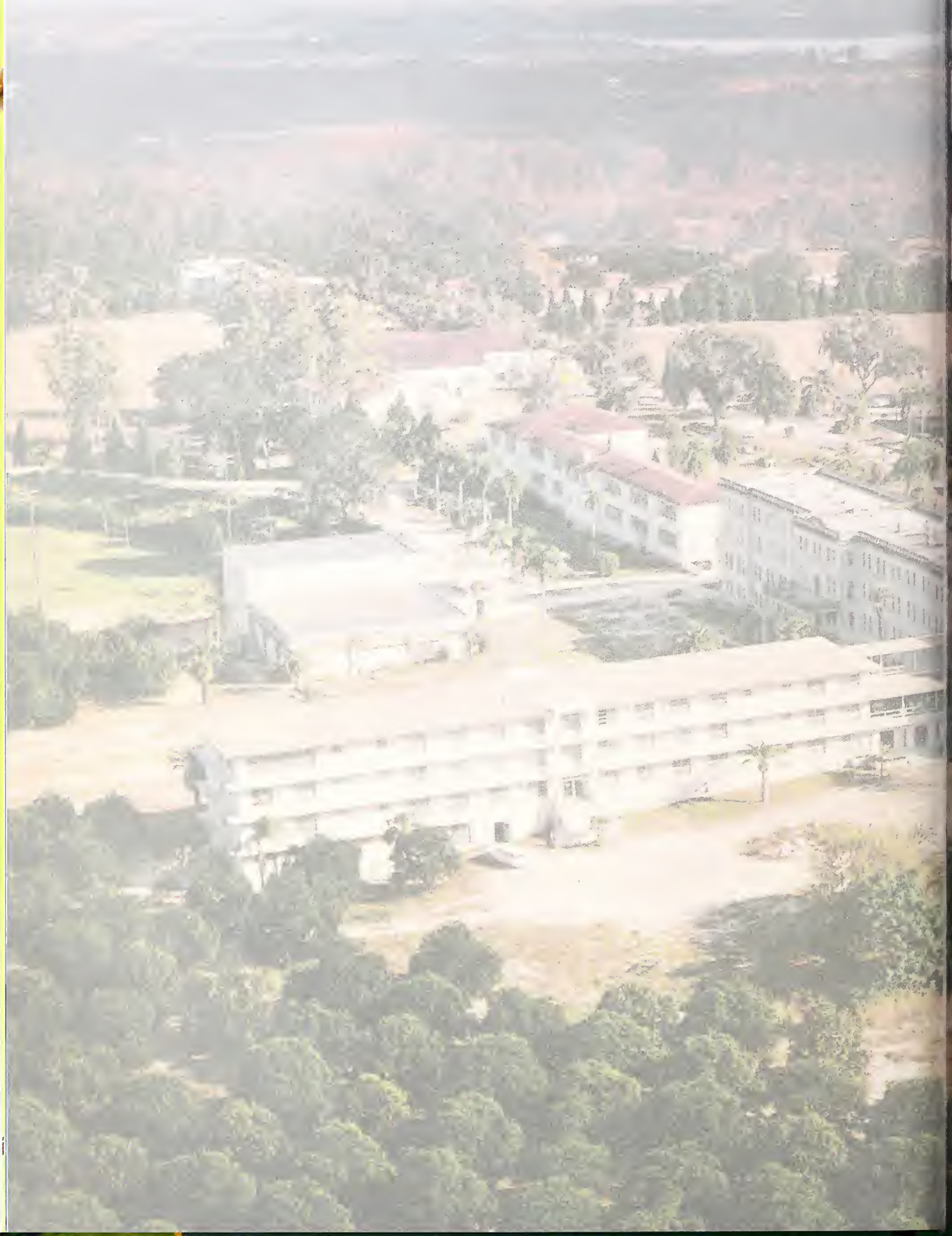
What have you accomplished being president? I have increased school spirit! As of now there are many things going on. I'm trying to make it better and easier for Saint Leo's next few years.

Will your role as president help you in your future? Yes! Businesses in medical schools look for passionate leaders and followers. This position allows me to be a voice and advocate for others.

What will be your greatest memory of your years at SLU? The college experience, the professional staff, friends, the interaction with many people, travelling, conferences, being a resident assistant. Involvement has had an impact in my life!

[The President]

Andre Curry



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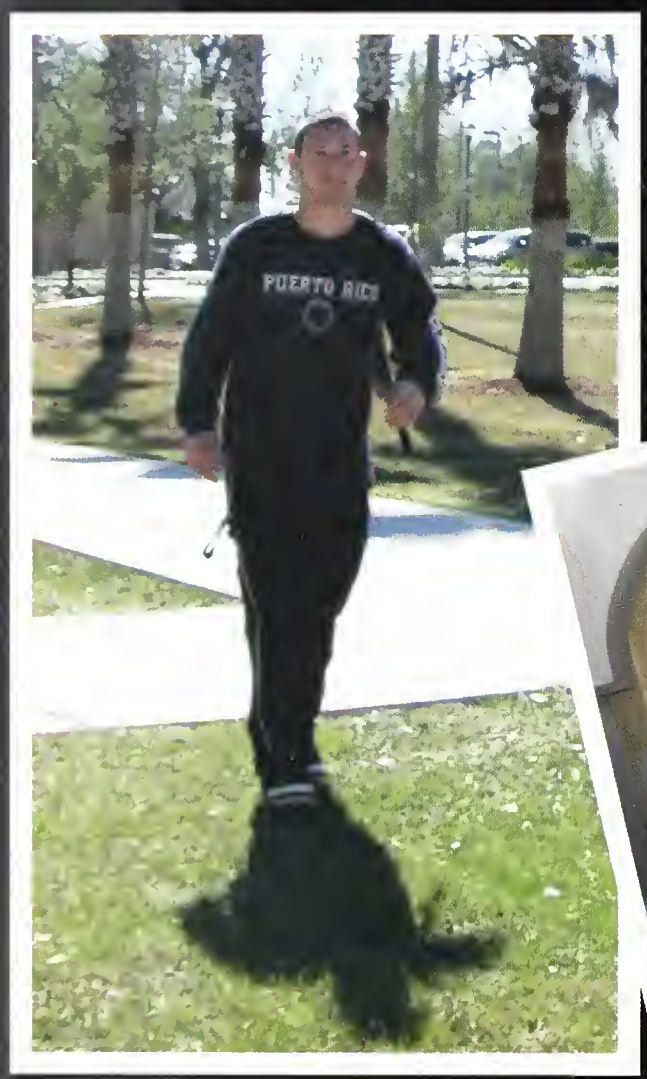
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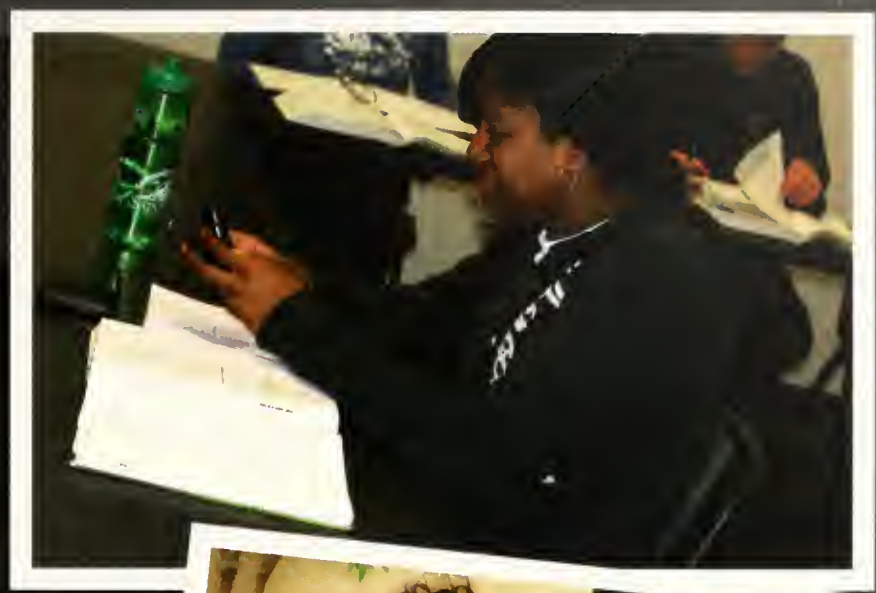

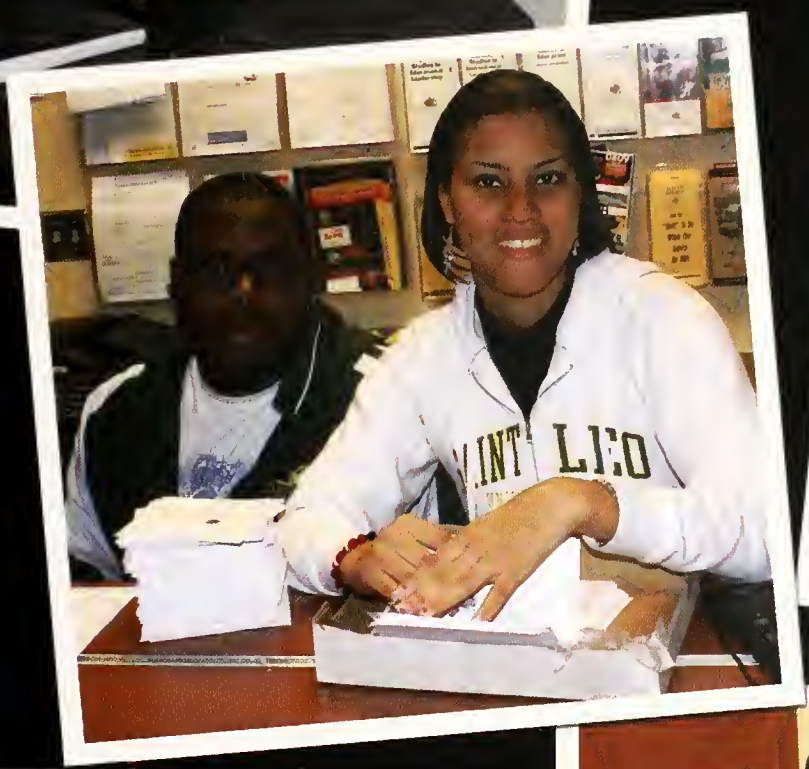
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What's Hot

Top 5 News Stories

- Economic Collapse
- Election 2008
- Mumbai Held Hostage
- Devastation in Islamabad
- Double Natural Disasters in May

On November 4, 2008, America made history by electing the first black President of the United States of America. His journey once seemed impossible but now marks a generational shift in American politics.

Top 5 Movies

- Twilight
- Slumdog Millionaire
- WALL-E
- Tropic Thunder
- The Dark Knight

Starting in July, the **Dark Knight** captured our attention and multiple records (recently grossing one billion dollars worldwide). The movie was highlighted by Heath Ledger's dark portrayal of Batman's nemesis, the Joker.

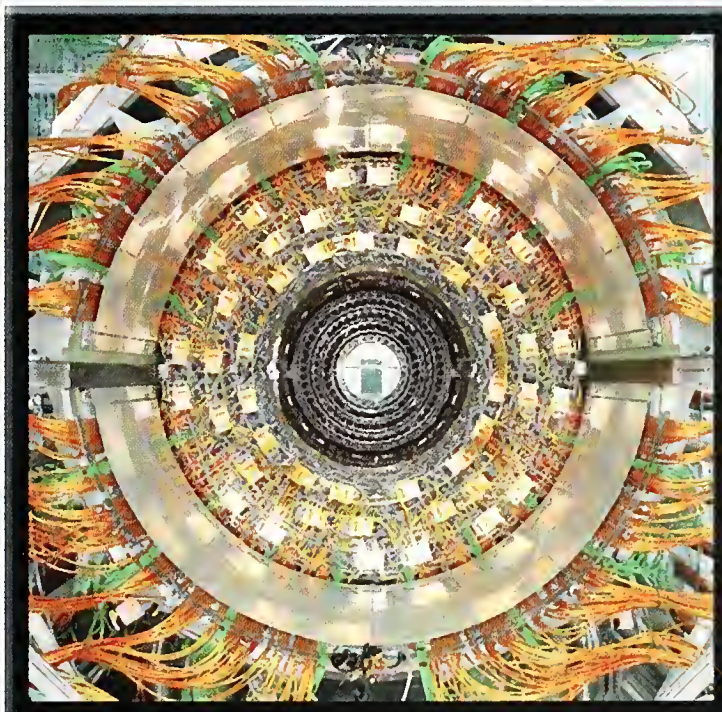
Top 5 Albums

- Tha Carter III – Lil Wayne
- Death Magnetic – Metallica
- Viva La Vida - Coldplay
- 19 - Adele
- 808s and Heartbreaks - Kanye West

After much anticipation, **Tha Carter III** became the first album to sell one million copies in three years and earned Lil Wayne three Grammy awards.

Top 5 Technology

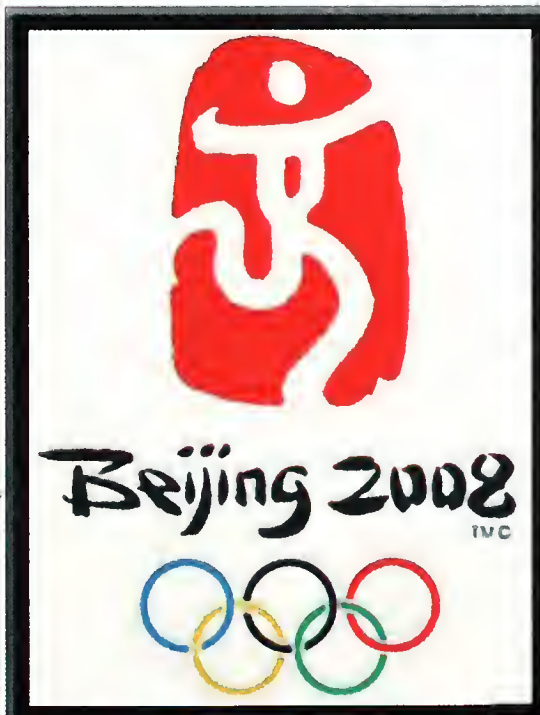
- iPhone 3G
- New Exoplanets Discovered
- Large Hadron Collider
- Optoma Pico – Portable Projector
- Grand Theft Auto IV



Built by CERN, the world's largest and highest-energy particle accelerator circulated opposing proton beams for the first time, intending to collide them.

Top 5 Sports

- Tiger Woods wins U.S. Open
- Wimbledon Final Spectacular
- Celtic Comeback
- 2008 Olympics
- Phillies Win World Series



In August, the world's attention turned to China, as everyone supported their nation in the Summer Olympics. Highlights included Michael Phelps' record eight gold medals and Usain Bolt's lightning fast speed in track and field.

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New Student

Like they say in Hollywood, there's no business like show business. Well, here at Saint Leo, there's no business like O (Orientation) business. Orientation is unlike any other time here on campus. The new group of freshman comes in to learn about the school, make friends, and see where they will be living for the next four years of their lives. This year's New Student Orientation was all about star treatment, and the new freshmen were treated well. From exclusive access to all the campus "hot spots" to a variety of activities and delicious meals, the newcomers to campus had the red carpet rolled out for them.

ORIENTATION

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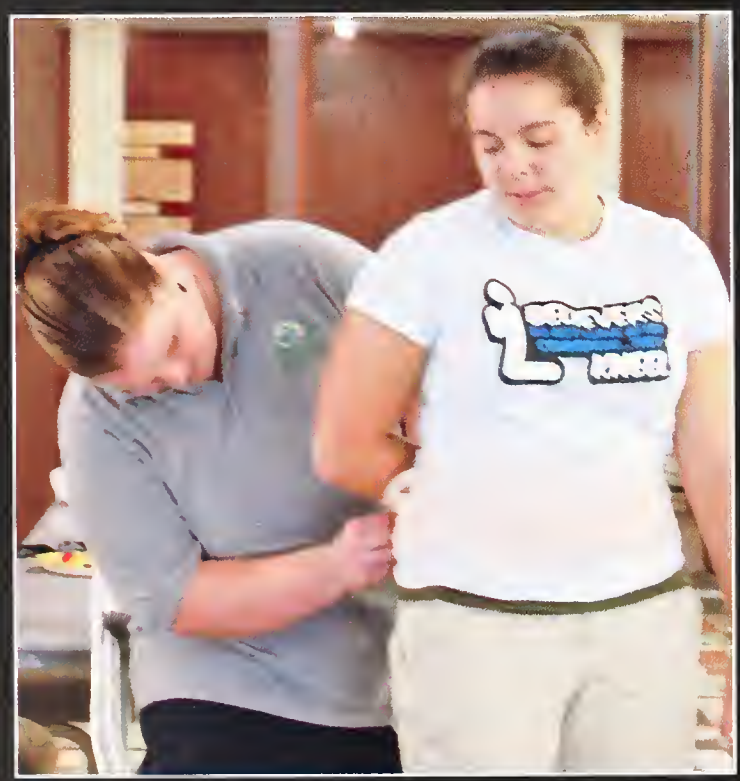
Right: A student attempts to do an everyday task of creating a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with his eyes blindfolded so that he may experience what those without sight do.

Disability Awareness Week

October 5-10, 2008

Disability Awareness week gives the students and faculty a chance to understand some of the challenges people with disabilities face. Events such as the Challenge Experience and blind beep softball helped give a better understanding of how difficult it actually is to live with disabilities.



Above: A base coach helps a blindfold student know where the base is when the b is hit by another blindfolded student.
Top Left: Blind movie critic Jay Forry tal about his life and his work to a gathering students.
Far Top Left: Disability Awareness week coordinator Paige Ramsey-Hamacher ties a student's arm behind her so that the studen can experience what life is like with only one hand.
Far Left: A student attempts to hit the ball b hearing the beeping mechanism coming fro the ball.
Left: Students listen intently as blind movie critic, Jay Forry, explains how he critiques movies.

Veteran's Day

November 11, 2008

Veteran's Day celebrates the service of military members past and present. At Saint Leo University, we honored members of each service in a ceremony, which ended with the release of doves symbolizing peace. Afterwards, all servicemen and family members were invited for a free lunch.

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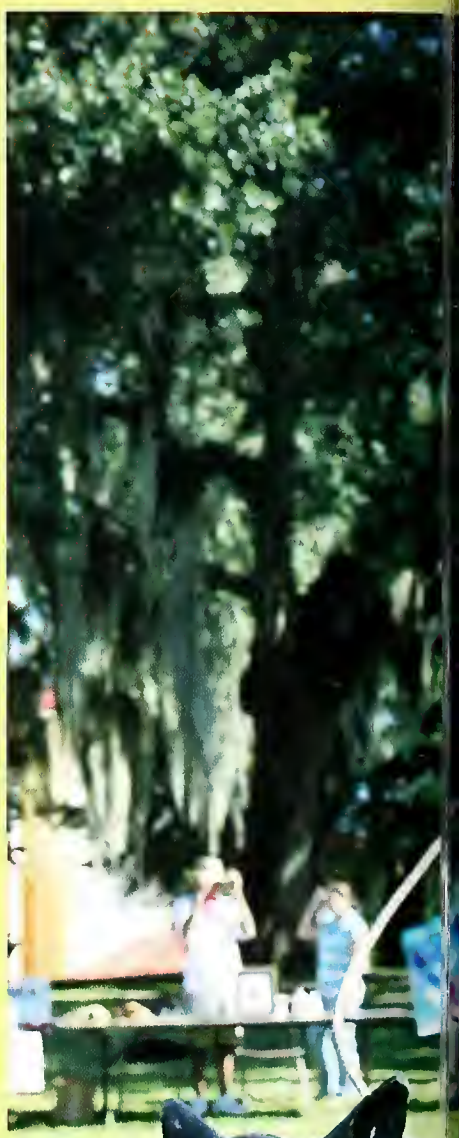
Fall Family Festival



Strap on your boots and hold on tight because this year the Fall Family Festival went Western. The campus pit was transformed into the old West with an infusion of modern cowboy activities. Townsfolk could participate in mechanical bull riding and lassoing, as well as watch the professionals wrangle the real bulls. After all the action, a full barbeque was thrown with live music to entertain the masses.

MEETS WESTERN

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Community Service Day

November 11, 2008 & January 19, 2009

At Saint Leo University, students exhibit one of the core values by giving back to the community. After a free lunch in the dining hall, students headed out to various sites for three hours to lend a helping hand by spending time with the elderly, repainting buildings and stairs, and sorting donated clothing. The event concluded with a reflection of the days events.

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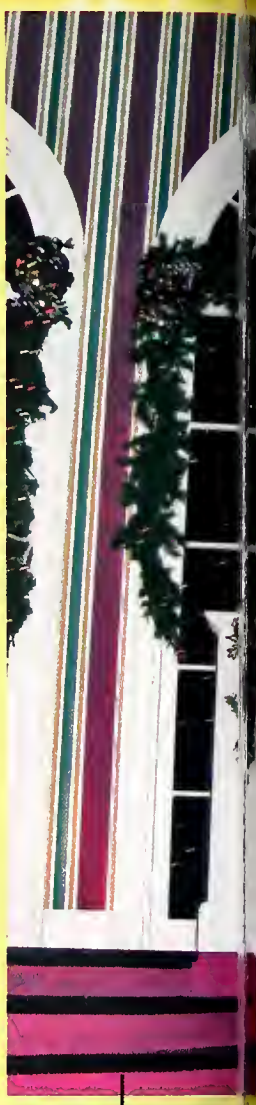

Winter Formal

December 5, 2008

Saint Leo students dance the night away at the 2008-2009 Winter Formal.

The truth is out about this year's Winter Formal, with the theme "Secret Garden." It was a brilliant success! The event was held on December 5, 2008 at the Desert Grille inside of Busch Gardens. The doors opened to students at 8:00 PM and the students entered into a room decorated with reference to the upcoming holiday season. The DJ played the latest hits of popular music, mixed in with classic dance favorites, such as the Electric Slide. A formal dinner was served from 8:30 to 9:30 PM featuring the entrees of prime rib and chicken stuffed with rice. After the dinner, students continued dancing to the music and enjoyed time with their friends and classmates. While the Winter Formal may have ended at midnight, there's no secret that the memories and good times will last forever.

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SLU Fashion

Sunglasses

Skater Shoes

Leather Jackets

Nautical Scarves

Skinny Jeans & pocket books

Ripped Jeans

...they've got style!

Bright Plaid Shirts

Timely Accessories

Chunky Jewelry

Bold Hair Pins

Fedoras & Pocket Chains

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Food For Thought

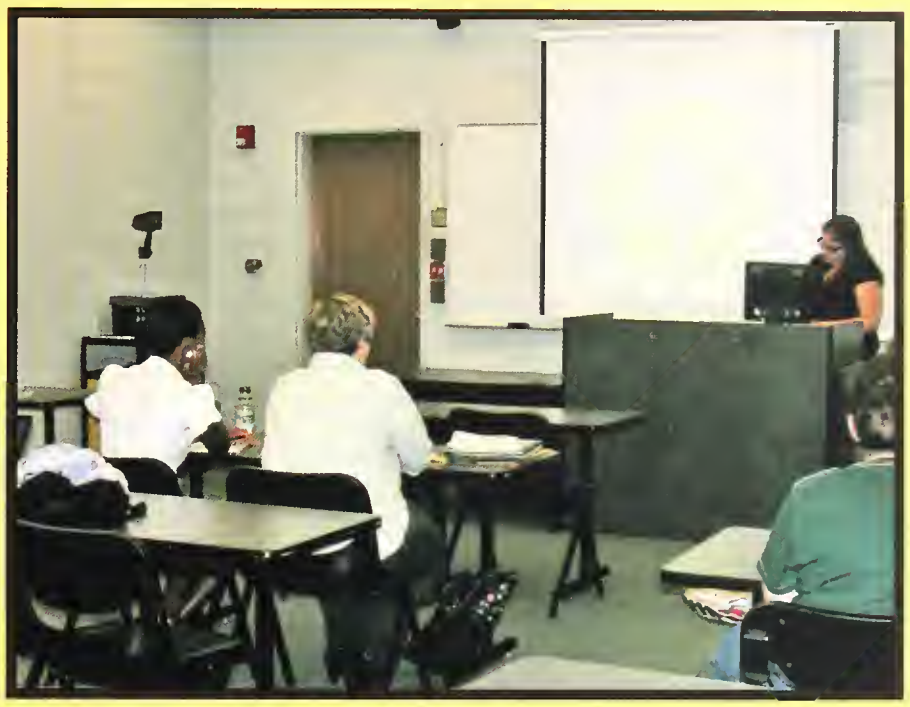
Saint Leo University students and faculty enjoy their dinners and the company at La Teresita Restaurant in downtown Tampa.

Two Saint Leo students lost in the moment of their dancing.

Students and staff pair up for their Bachatta lessons taught by a seasoned instructor at Flava Fitness.

There was no hesitation for some students when it was announced that the November Food For Thought event would take place at La Teresita Restaurant in downtown Tampa. On November 7, 2008, students and faculty were able to indulge in delicious meals. La Teresita Restaurant serves traditional Cuban and Spanish dishes in heaping portions at incredible prices. The meal was followed by Bachatta lessons at Flava Fitness. Students and faculty paired up and followed the instructor to learn this traditional dance originating from the Dominican Republic. Host Dr. Galo Alava put together a night to remember with a trip to the best Spanish restaurant in the Tampa Bay area and a night filled with dancing.

FOCUS THE NATION



Two Saint Leo University students present their report on how diseases are affected by Global Climate Change (left) and how to recycle here on the Saint Leo University main campus (right).

On February 19, 2009, Saint Leo University was challenged to Focus the Nation once again. This event is held throughout many schools and universities across the nation to bring focus to the issue of global climate change. This was Saint Leo University's second time participating in the event. The class schedule on the main campus was shortened in order for students and faculty to attend presentations being made by their peers later in the afternoon. Presenters researched how global climate change related to a specific study and presented information from both sides of the issue.

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Animal Kingdom

Above: One of the main attractions at Animal Kingdom, The Tree of Life.

Some Saint Leo University students brought their Lion spirit to where it may have originated. The Intercultural Student Association and SGU hosted a trip during the Thanksgiving Break for any interested students to one of Disney Orlando's key attractions, Animal Kingdom. Participants were able to view animals from various parts of the world including alligators, elephants, flamingos, and caribou. They were also treated to a spectacular animal show put on by the staff at Animal Kingdom However, the most prominent feature of the visit was the Tree of Life. Whether it was the shows, the animals, or time with friends, Lion's pride was apparent from the Saint Leo students.

Saint Leo students pose for a group picture before entering Animal Kingdom.

A bird trainer at Animal Kingdom show the talent of these colorful macaws.

Mardi Gras Party

The Mardi Gras Party was Saint Leo's version of Fat Tuesday. As they entered, students were presented with beads and informed of the night's festivities. Students were allowed to participate in multiple food eating contests with the opportunity to win prizes. The different contests included a doughnut, banana, twinkie, baby food, and apple pie eating contest. In the most entertaining event of the night, participants partnered up to create a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with a twist. One partner was blindfolded and the other could not use their hands, and they had to use teamwork to make the sandwich. The big winner of the night was Simone Henry, who won the doughnut, twinkie and peanut butter and jelly sandwich contests.

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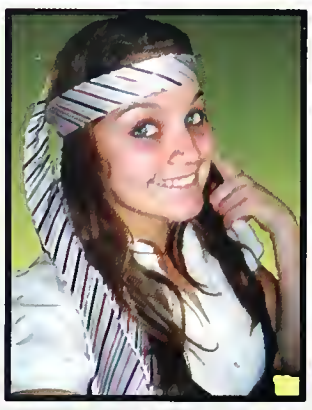
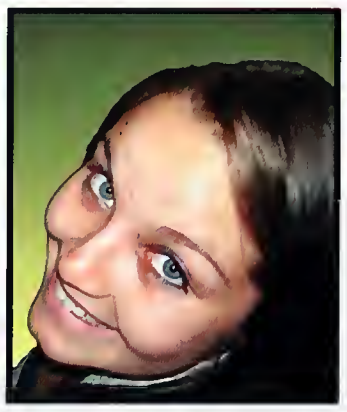

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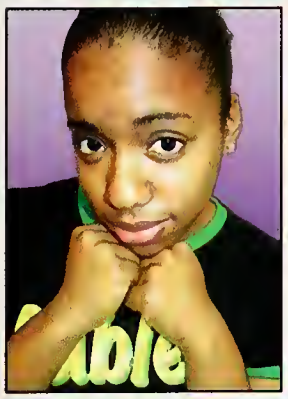

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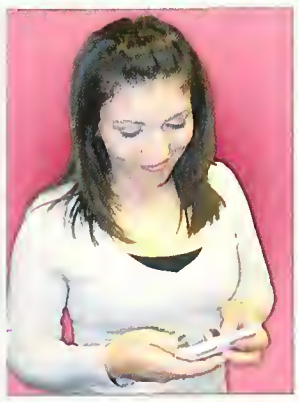

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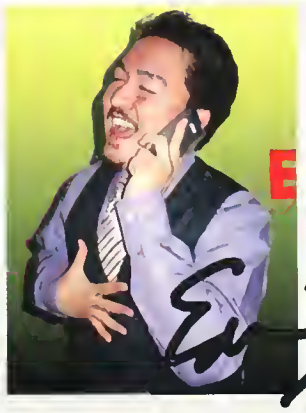

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Words From the President

Dear Saint Leo University Class of 2009!

Thank you for allowing me to address you in your yearbook; something that will stay with you for the rest of your life. Your theme for the Golden Legend: "Reflecting the Past, Visualizing the Present" is so apropos for the first half of 2009. You are completing your college education at a significant moment in the history of our nation. We have a new, young president in our nation, Barack Obama, who reflects the greatness of our past. He is the first African American to serve as president. He is the son of a Caucasian mother and an African father. He grew up in multiple states and abroad. He reflects the past struggles for racial equality in the United States of America and the Reverend Martin Luther King's dream. Perhaps even more so he reflects the power of a good work ethic, a higher education and a positive attitude to make anything and everything possible in the United States of America. The second major component that makes this a pivotal moment in history is the global economy. Our economic difficulty today reflects past issues and excesses by corporations, individuals, families and governments. Sadly it reflects all those institutions abandoning key values of thrift, prudence and delayed gratification. Visualizing the present - and the future- requires us to appreciate that important fact.

As Saint Leo University graduates you have been instructed, surrounded and imbued with core values of community, respect, responsible stewardship, personal development, excellence and integrity. As you leave here and reflect on your past at Saint Leo you will increasingly appreciate the enduring value of living life based on them. These values guide us in the present and throughout our lives. They sustain a good life.

As you leave here to pursue a life where you will do well and do good, you reflect Saint Leo's past. You represent Saint Leo to the world. You are Saint Leo. You are also what we visualized you would be upon graduation: concerned, committed, compassionate, competent and constructive citizens.

We are very proud of you. God speed and God bless you.

Arthur F. Kirk, Jr.
President

Words From the Advisor

I started working at Saint Leo University in July 1996 with Monsignor Mouch as Saint Leo's president. Reflection on 1996 up to the spring of 2009 shows us it is wonderful to see the way Saint Leo has learned from its past victories and mistakes and has continued to make strides forward into our present!

I remember when there was no Trane Stop and students had to run from St. Edwards Hall to Campus Safety to deChantal hall in order to get their business accomplished. Today TRANE stop can take care of most billing, registration or parking charges. I remember going to the Cage to get my books, my coffee and my lunch and today it's all contained in the the Student Community Center.

When Dr. Kirk arrived on campus in the spring of 1997, he told us that if the University was to survive and stay in business, we would have to work hard and change our way of doing things; but if we worked hard, weren't afraid to change and hung in with the University, we would see Saint Leo become something that we could only dream about.

Today, this dream is becoming reality. Still, we make sure that our students and our values remain at the center of the Saint Leo mission. If we do this and stay true to our Benedictine values, which keep us firmly rooted in our past influences, then Saint Leo will continue to flourish and be a home away from home for our students; a place that I too am proud to call home.

Paige Ramsey-Hamacher

Associate Director of Campus Life for International Services

Editors' Note

The time we have spent here at Saint Leo has built on our past and will direct us onto our futures. While we visualize each moment of our present state, we must reflect on the past that makes us who we are today. Saint Leo has allowed us to pursue our interests while preparing us to become responsible adults ready to face the world . We have worked hard this year to represent the 2008 - 2009 school year and hope that we have accomplished the goal of creating a yearbook that provides the opportunity to reflect on our memories from our time at college. To all the graduating Seniors, we extend our congratulations and wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Melissa Ramos and Edwin Fastnacht

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